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Records of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia
Correspondence

LETTERS SENT BY THE DIRECTOR AND THE SUPERINDENTENT OF THE MINT, 1866-1900

Dec. 14, 1881 - Dec. 11, 1882

Box 12 NC-152 Entry 6

OFFICIAL

LETTER BOOK

No 13.

A. LOUDON SNOWDEN

Supt

From DECEMBER 4th 1881

To FEBY. 25th 1882.

—MANN'S—
PARCHMENT COPYING PAPER.

This Parchment Paper is **MUCH STRONGER** and shows a **CLEARER COPY,** than any other ever made for the purpose. The ink is **LESS LIABLE TO SPREAD,** and can be written upon with a pen.

DIRECTIONS FOR COPYING.

Place a piece of blotting-board under the leaf of Copying Paper; then with brush, wet the leaf. Rub in the surplus water with the hand: then place the written letter on the leaf, (leaving the blotting-paper under the leaf, to take up any excess of water that may yet remain,) place it in the press, and in 10 or 15 seconds a perfect copy will be secured.

☞The leaves **WILL DRY AS SMOOTH AS SILK** by placing the book in the Press after Copying.

☞Place the oil sheets between the copies just made, to prevent blending or setting off.

Another way when many letters are copied.

Procure a tin box with lid to hold 20 blotting pads.

Dip half the lot of blotters in water, let them drain off a few moments; then place a dry blotter between each wet one, give them a few minutes squeeze in Press and they will remain wet for three days; then take an oil sheet, place it to the left; then lay a wet blotter; then turn leaf of Copying over on blotter; then lay your letter on; then another oil sheet, and so on, and you can copy all your letters at one time, thereby saving time. With a little care and experience as to wetting at first, you will be so well pleased, as never to go back to old way.

BOXES FURNISHED IF DESIRED, AT SMALL COST.

14th December, 1831

Sir,

By order of the Superintendent you are hereby directed to pay over and deliver to the Trustees of Common Schools in the Township of Pickering and in sufficient quantity to Clear Five thousand (5000) Bricks.

Very respectfully,

Thos. D. Boulton

Acting Superintendent.

Wm Doan Esq.
Mr. Geo. Ryan

4th. December 1

Sir.

I enclose herewith in view of our
Invoice of supplies for the U. S. A. Store, Army
Post, Helena, Montana, to be delivered to
you for transportation in conformity with the
requisition of the Quarter Master of that Post Nov 15th
1877

The boat is now at our wharf ready for
delivery

Very respectfully,
Your obedt servant,
[illegible],
Acting Superintendent.

Lt. D. M. Kuchler
U.S.A.D.M., F.A.
Benton

16th December 1861.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the vouchers of the Pay-book rendered with the statement as to the number of days, Effective of back &c.

I am respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Paymaster

Hon Gideon Welles
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 14th 1881

Sir

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day to be 998.1418.357 fine ounces, together with ~~fine~~ gross ounces unassayed.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard,

Director of the Mint

Washington, D. C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

14th. December. 1881.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 10th. inst. asking explanation of voucher 338 of the October account of Ordinary Expenses by which it appears that 16 tons 1590 lbs of Council Ridge Broken Coal was purchased from William Jordan @ $6 2c per ton, I have to report:

In my letter of May 16th 1879 it was fully shown that when the furnaces are run to their full capacity great care has to be exercised in the selection of coal; and it appeared in fact that of the two beds which furnish the Council Ridge Coal one is preferable to the other. The same statement is repeated in my

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letter of Jan. 21st 1881

Under these circumstances monthly contracts were made with parties whose facilities enabled them to control a sufficient quantity of this carefully selected coal, which was hand picked and delivered to the Mint free from all slate and dust, for use in the Melting room.

The use of any coal of inferior or even ordinarily good quality would delay the melts, at a time when the pressure of work on the Mint is too great to risk any cause of obstruction which can be remedied.

For this reason I have continued to order for the Melting furnaces the Lonaconing Ridge Coal of the highest grade.

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14 , 1881.

You will find by reference to the proposals made and accepted at the beginning of the current Calendar year transmitted in my letter of Jany 31. 1881, that the coals for melting and for steam generating purposes were carefully distinguished and the contracts awarded, in the 1st case to William Jordan and in the 2nd. the proposals were all rejected. This was approved by you in your letter of March 7th pages 1. 5 and 6.

Among the proposals for coal received last June, there were none offered for the Council Ridge Coal for melting purposes but were all for Lehigh Broken Coal, and it was clearly understood that this Coal was for steam purposes only.

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Under these circumstances, I have continued to purchase the best Council Ridge hand picked Coal as formerly, and at the same price, from Mr Jordan, believing that this course was not only promotive of economy and desired results, but fully authorized by you after the case had been fairly presented in my letter of May 15th 1879 to which reference has been made. The Coal furnished by Thornton under his Contract for steam generating purposes is entirely unfit for use in the melting furnaces.

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Trusting that this explanation
may be satisfactory
I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon. A. E. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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15th December 1881.

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Mems. No 1762 of Gold Bullion being remittance No. 39. received from your office as per letter of advice and memorandum of 8th inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq.
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

15th December, 1881.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Memo. No. 1763 of Gold bullion, being remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

16th. December, 1881.

Sir;

In accordance with the requisition of the Director you will please order for the use of the U.S. Assay office at St. Louis, Mo., a set of Stamps for stamping bars.

The set will consist of Office-Stamp, date, fine ozs., ℔, No., and figures from 0 to 9, and are to be similar to those heretofore furnished to the Helena Assay office.

Very respectfully,

John L. Lehmann.

Acting Superintendent.

Jacob B. Eckfeldt Esq.

Acting Assayer.

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Dec. 16th, 1881

1634 Handy Chemist $33.000

John L. Lebaron.
Assayer and Superintendent

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia

Dec 17th 1881

1505 Handy & Cowie 37.12 67

John L. Lebaron
Ass't Treasurer

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

17th December, 1881

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memo. 1786 of Gold Bullion, being remittances No. 40, 41, & 42, received from your office as per letter of advice and memorandum of Dec 12th. inst.

Very respectfully

John L. Lebonte

Acting Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq.
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

17th December 1881

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memorandum No. 1786 of Gold Bullion being remittance received from the U.S. Assay office at Charlotte, N.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
John L. Taylor.
Acting Superintendent.

Hon. H.C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

17th Decem., 1881.

Sir,

I enclose receipt of the Asst. Tr. Mr. U. S. Army at Philadelphia for one box containing 50 gold stirrups for United States Assay Office, Helena, Montana, in completion of your requisition of No. 19th inst.

Also, duplicate receipted bills of Robert Taylor amounting to $25.00, for the same.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John L. Leconte,
Acting Superintendent.

Hon. H. P. Beckwith
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

17th. December, 1881.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the Coiner's Report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day - 17th. Dec'r

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
John L. LeConte,
Acting Superintendent.

Hon. H. C. Bunchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

19th December 1861.

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose the oath of office of Michael Bradley recently appointed Annealer, in the Coiner's Department of this Mint

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Superintendent.

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia

19th Decem. 1881.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose the oath of office of Andrew J. Lawrence recently appointed Roller in the former's department of this Mint

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 19th 1881

I have the honor to report the Bullion

17th inst, at

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37.932.873.48
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839.553.69
45.113.387.70

Your obedient servant

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

Chas. Green & Son

Coiners of the Mint

Messrs. Green & Co

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

19th Dec 1881.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit Statement of Silver purchased at this Mint from Dec'r 12th. to Dec. 17th inst.

Very respectfully
your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

19th December 1881.

Sir

You are hereby desired to see that the Gas is turned out, or very low in portions of the building where its use is rendered unnecessary by the electric light.

I am respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Linderman

Superintendent

Mr. John L. McGinnis

Chief Engineer

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

19th. December 1887.

Sir;

I enclose samples of Silver from the Omaha Refinery numbered from 1 to 15 and corresponding with Omaha Nos. 13434 et 099.

We have reported them at 991½ and 992. The Refinery Stamp calls for 999 thousandths fine. Messrs Handy & Harmon request us to ask you to verify our assays. We have had this trouble before as you remember, and our assays never showed material difference from yours. Once again we are willing to ask you to do Handy & Harmon the favor of having our results corroborated.

You may find the fineness over nine

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our reports by a half a three quarters, but we think we have not reported unfairly or have stumped so widely of their true title. Please inform us of your results

Very respectfully
S. Loudon Boyden
Superintendent

Hon Thomas A. Acton
U.S. Assay Office
New York

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

20th December, 1881.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of additional table of distances to points where silver coin is shipped by the Adams Express Company

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Robert Preston
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Bunchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

20th December 1

Hon A.B. Burchard Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Our full allotment of Standard Silver dollars
is Coined. The New Orleans holds ten hun-
dred thousand till next month. The state of
the Coin has never been considered as an
important matter in deliveries, at the close

of one year and the beginning of the next

A. Loudon Snowden

Supt U.S. Mint

For Pres.

Dec. 20th 1

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Gordon Sanders

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

20th December, 1881.

Sir

The following telegram sent the day is hereby made official.

"Hon. A. E. Burchard

Director of the Mint, Washington D.C.

Our full allotment of standard silver dollars is coined. Let New Orleans hold her 100,000 till next month. The of the Coin has never been considered as an important matter in deliveries at the close of one year and the beginning of the next."

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

A. Loudenslager

Superintendent

Hon. A. E. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

20th December 1881.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose statement of Charges imposed on Gold and Silver bullion received here during November 1881

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Louis A. Norris
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 21st 1881

Sir

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day to be 883,779.012 dollars

Fine ounces, together with ——— gross ounces unassayed.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

John L. Leconte
acting Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

Dec. 31st 1861

Sir,

I enclose the [illegible] referred to in the letter of 1st inst from this office which is now in Quarantine. Directly from the envelope by the Clerk who prepared the material for the mail.

Regretting this circumstance, I remain,

Very respectfully,

Hon. J. A. Acting Supt. W. I. C. acting Supt. St. Lawrence,

Supt. W. I. C. acting Supt. Canal Cedars.

Cancelled
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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

21st December 1881.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 19th. inst. requesting me to prepare and forward to your office an advertisement inviting proposals to furnish wood for one year from the first proximo, and for other supplies for which no contract has been made for the 6 months ending June 30th 1882 viz:

Every article necessary for the work of the Mint was enumerated and specified in the Schedules and proposals of last June, except the wood contract which did not expire until the 1st of January. It is manifest, therefore, that we will have fully complied with the law when

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proposals are now issued for the supply of wood for the Coming 12 months. If you deem it best we might include in the proposal a supply of Sand picked Connel Ridge Coal

I have felt it proper to make this suggestion as I thought perhaps you had overlooked the fact that we had fully conformed with the law in relation to bids, and the further fact that it had perhaps escaped your attention that under the wording of your letter we would have a variety of small articles, the contracts for which would expire at different periods.

I might observe in this connection

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that I do not suppose asked there would be any bids for any of the smaller articles that were not bid for last June and the only result of the advertisement would be to entail expense in the matter.

Awaiting your further pleasure on the subject

I remain very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Bunckard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

21st December 1881

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose bids of Joseph Wharton Esqr of Philadelphia and Emerson Foote Agent of H. Henry Vivian of Swansea, England, for the supply of 20000 of Nickel in Conformity with the advertisement inviting proposals as authorized by the Department.

The bid of Joseph Wharton is $1.15 per lb. the nickel to be delivered on or before the 1st Jan'y. The bid of H.H. Vivian is at $1.02 per lb, delivered in bond, the Government to remit the duties on the Nickel. There is no specific time at which the Nickel is to be delivered at the Mint but it is to be shipped from England

during January and February, thus making it very uncertain when it will be delivered:

The bid of Emerson Foote for Nickel should be rejected in my judgment,

1st. because we need the supply of Nickel at once,

2nd because it is in conformity with the advertisement which requires that it shall be delivered at the Mint, and

3rd. because the bid is based upon the assumption that the Government will remit duties upon Nickel used in its Coinage, when it requires all citizens who use the same article, in the Country, to pay the duty.

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of the foreign producer, and the price the Government will have to pay for its Nickel, will depend upon their pleasure and be without Competition.

I cannot Conceive that any officer of the Government would be justified in abrogating the duty to be paid by Government for supplies it uses, when the Government itself charges its citizens for the same supplies. I can readily understand that where the interest of the case requires it, machinery or appliances of any kind should be imported from a foreign Country, not in Competition with American skill & production, but for the use of

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the Government, that the duties should be abrogated, as it would be simply taken out one pocket and put into the other, if they were charged, but where an important industry depends upon the action of the Government, it seems to me impossible that any step would be taken to cripple or destroy it. This policy is too shortsighted to be entertained.

The advertisement was for 20,000 lbs of Nickel to be furnished at the Mint, at such times as it might be required. The bid of Vivian is not in conformity with the advertisement and should be rejected on that account,

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without Considering the other point of rejecting it, because it proposes to furnish supplies by the Government remitting a duty, when the American manufacturer has had to pay here, skilled labor an increased price for the production of the same article.

In view of all the circumstances I would recommend the acceptance of the bid of Joseph Warton as being the lowest and best bid under the terms of the advertisement

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Henry J. Rowland
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C

Superintendent

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

21st December, 1881.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Draft No. 15756, on Treasury Warrant No 3329 for $ ~~674~~ 300.— on account of appropriations for Salaries, Wages, Contingent Expenses, Parting and Refining Bullion, & Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon James Gilfillan
Treasurer of the United States
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

21st December 1881.

Sir

I have the honor to return herewith the letter of the Jewell City Bank, also the letter of the acting Superintendent of this Mint in relation to the Coinage of 3¢ pieces, and in reply to your endorsement on the Jewell City Banks letter, I beg to say that the Coinage of 3¢ nickel pieces was interdicted by direction of the acting Director of the Mint under date of Dec 29th., in reply to my letter of the 22nd, of the same month, informing him that there was considerable demand for this Coin upon the Mint. In his reply he says "there

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appears to be an abundant supply of 3¢ Nickel Coins on hand, at the several Sub Treasuries and I do not deem it advisable at present to Coin any of these pieces."

It will be seen therefore that the action of the Acting Director of the Mint supplemented Circulars 18 & 29, and was any authority for the Suspension of the Coinage to which reference is made

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Hon James Gillespie
Treasurer of the U.S.
Washington D.C.

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia

21st December, 1881.

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a package containing blank "Charges imposed on gold & silver bullion &c"

Very respectfully,

[illegible]
Superintendent.

Hon A. L. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

21st December, 1881.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., requesting me to prepare and forward to your office an advertisement inviting proposals to furnish wood for one year from the first prox. and for other supplies for which no contract has been made for the 6 months ending June 30th 1882 f.p., I beg to submit that every article necessary for the work of the Mint was enumerated and specified in the Schedules and proposals of last June, except the wood contract which did not expire until the 1st of January.

It is manifest therefore that we

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will have fully complied with the law when proposals are now issued for the supply of wood for the coming 12 months. If you deem it best we might include in the proposal a supply of hand picked Cannel Ridge Coal.

I have felt it proper to make this suggestion as I thought perhaps you had overlooked the fact, that we had fully conformed with the law in relation to bids, and the further fact that it had perhaps escaped your attention, that under the wording of your letter we would have a variety of small articles, the contracts for which would expire at different periods.

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I might observe in this connection that I do not suppose there would be any bids for the smaller articles, that were not bid for last June, and the only result in advertising would be, to entail expense in the matter

Awaiting your further pleasure on the subject

I remain very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon A.C. Bundrant
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

22nd. December, 1881.

Sir;

In fulfilment of your requisition of 15th. inst. I have forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Mint New Orleans, La. by Express a box containing the following dies for use in that institution during the Calendar year 1882

Eagle	Obverse	3	Nos	19. 20	and 21
"	Reverse	3	"	19	20 , 21
Half Eagle	Obverse	3	"	20	21 , 22
"	Reverse	3	"	20	21 , 22
Standard Silver Dollar	Obverse	10 ,	36	to 45	inclusive
" " "	Reverse	10 ,	36	to 45	"

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Hon H.C. Rudolph
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Superintendent

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

12th December, 1881

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed William A Patterson, a resident of this State, & laborer in the General Department of this Mint, at a Compensation of $2 per diem to date from Confirmation, and respectfully submit the same for approval under section 3514 Revised Statutes

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Honorable O Bundard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

22nd December 1881.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have dismissed from the position of Laborer in this Mint Petherick Darcy, for Conduct prejudicial to the Service.

His name will therefore be dropped from the rolls on and after the 1st inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

22nd December, 1881.

Sir

In compliance with your telegram of this date, I enclose by Registered Mail 6 copies of the proposed new 5¢ nickel piece

and have the honor to remain

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

12th December 1881.

Sir,

In conformity with the regulations of the Director of the Mint of 15th ult. I forward by Express this receipt for one box containing the following dies for use at the U.S. Mint, N.O., during the Calendar Year 1882

Eagle	Obverse	3	Nos 19, 20, & 21
"	Reverse	3	" 19, 20, & 21
Half Eagle	Obverse	3	" 20, 21, & 22
" "	Reverse	3	" 20, 21, & 22
Standard Silver Dollar,	Obverse		Nos 36 to 45 inclusive
" " "	Reverse		" 36 to 45 "

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Asst. Treas. U.S.

Supt. U.S. Branch Mint

New Orleans La

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

2nd December 1881.

Sir;

In partial fulfilment of your requisition of 2nd inst. I have forwarded to the United States Assay office St. Louis Mo:, a box containing 50 pairs of fine mitts and enclose the Express receipt and duplicate receipted bills of Miss J. J. Moore for $32.50 the price of the same.

I hope it will be to have the pure gold and silver and lead, in completion of your requisition, but I did not consider myself warranted in keeping the boy on that account.

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint

Superintendent

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after the 1st proof.

I am satisfied the proposed changes will meet the cordial approval of the public, as they are based upon sound principles of good taste

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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22 nd December, 1881.

Sir;

I had hoped to be able to visit Washington to discuss with you among other things the propriety of changing the device and diameter of the 5¢ Cent piece in conformity with my letter of a recent date.

I am unfortunately in such ill health as to be unable to bear the journey at the present time, and must therefore content myself with the expression of an earnest hope that the change of device and diameter of the coin named may be authorized so as to enable us to commence the Coinage of the same

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

22nd December 1881.

Sir,

In view of the probable Coinage of 5 cent Nickel Coins during the month of January ab. this Mint, I would respectfully suggest the propriety of curtailing to some extent our quota of Silver Dollars for that Month.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mints
Washington
D.C.

Dec. 20 1

1637 J. B. Colgate & Co 56000
1638 " Hardy & Comis 138.000

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

23 d December, 1881.

Sir;

The operations in the Assay, Melting & Refining, Coining, and Engraving departments will cease on Saturday next at 12 M, so as to enable the employés in their departments an opportunity to make such purchases as they may desire

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Send to each Operative Department

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

22nd December, 1881.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of bids of Joseph Wharton Esqr. of Philadelphia and Emerson Foote, Agent of H. Hussey Vivian of Swansea, England for the supply of 20000 lbs of Nickel in Conformity with the advertisement inviting proposals as authorized by the department

The bid of Joseph Wharton is $1 15/100 per lb, the Nickel to be delivered on or before the 1st Jan'y. The bid of H.H. Vivian is at $1 02/100 per lb., delivered in bond the Government to remit the duties on the Nickel. There is no specific time at which the Nickel is to be delivered at

the Mint, but it is to be shipped from England during January and February, thus making it very uncertain when it will be delivered.

The bid of Emerson Foote for Vivian should be rejected in my judgment;-

1st Because we need the supply of Nickel at once,

2nd Because it is not in conformity with the advertisement which requires "that it shall be delivered at the Mint",

3rd Because the bid is based upon the assumption that the Government will remit duties upon Nickel used in its Coinage, when it requires all citizens who use the same article to pay the duty.

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I understand that the duty on Nickel is 30 Cents a pound which if paid by Vivian would make his bid 17¢ a pound higher than Wanton's.

When the duty was laid upon Nickel, it was done for the purpose of encouraging the manufacture of Nickel in the United States, so as to make competition in the supply of this metal for the Coinage of the United States as well as in the arts and industries in which it was employed. If we break down the American Producer by allowing Nickel intended for the Government to come in free, the whole market will, in the end be in the hand

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1889.

of the foreign producers, and the price the Government will have to pay for its Nickel will depend upon their pleasure.

I cannot conceive that any officer of the Government would be justified in remitting the duty to be paid for supplies it uses, where such supplies are in competition with home production, and when the Government charges duties to its citizens for the same articles.

I can readily understand the propriety of importing free of duty for the use of the Government, such machinery, appliances or products as can not be or are not produced in equal

quality & character in our own country, but the case under consideration is essentially different. Here the home article is fully equal to the imported and the duties which Vivian proposes to have remitted for his accommodation, were imposed by Congress in the belief that they were necessary to the life of this important industry.

In view of all the circumstances I would recommend the rejection of Vivian's bid, and the acceptance of the bid of Joseph Wharton, as being the lowest and best bid under the

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

, 189 .

terms of the advertisement

Very respectfully

your obedient servant

Superintendent

Prof. C. Pinchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

6)

Unofficial.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

24th December, 1881.

Dear Sir;

Col. Snowden is confined to his house by serious illness. He has less fever this morning, and his case is more hopeful and we trust he will be able to resume his duties before long.

He has insisted on attending to his official work when absolutely unfit to be out of his bed. He requests me to say that he will give attention to your personal ask as soon as he is well enough to do so

I am very sincerely yours.

J. E. Sebastian.

Hon. A. E. Burchard
Mint Bureau
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

24th December 1881.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the Coiner's report of the coinage executed at this Mint during the week ending this day.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

Acting Superintendent.

Hon. A. E. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

Dec 24. 1

Sir

Your letter of the 23d inst, enclosing Transfer Check No 19896 for $500.00, has been received and a like amount in one cent pieces will be forwarded to you on the 27th inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C

Dec 21st 1

639 J. B. Colgate & Co 53 74 40
640 Hardy & Comstock 45 66 12

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN

Dec 27th 1881

Sir: I have the honor to report the Bullion
Deposits and Coinage for the 24th inst., at
444,424.29 2.33 fine bars, approximately

444,406.470.00
37,053 043.29
2,030,363.65
934,405.36
444,424,292.33

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Superintendent

Hon. Hamlin C. Burchard,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

U.S. Mint Phil.
29th Dec. 1861

Hon. H.C. Burchard, Director of the Mint, Washington D.C.

"Did you receive Superintendents letter of 21st Dec. in relation to wood and Coal contract, and if so, what action shall we take?

Respectfully
Acting Superintendent

Ans. today

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

28th December, 1881.

Sir

I thank you very much for the excellent stereoscopic view of the McLean ingot machine enclosed in your letter of the 23rd inst.

Very respectfully

John L. Lebaron

Acting Superintendent.

Dr C.F. Bonzano

U.S. Mint

New Orleans

La

28th. December 1

Hon: James Gilfillan Sup. of the U.S. at Washington D.C.

Hope to deliver five cord pines from mt. Wednesday, twenty five hundred dollars per diem. Nickel on hand but assay not yet made.

J. W. Fiscus,
Acting Superintendent

28th December 1861

Sir,

I have the honor to endorse for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury Certificate of Deposit No. 5468 of the Assistant Treasurer here, for $50.000 00, deposited on account of Mint Coinage profits.

Very respectfully,
Your obt Servt,

Superintendent.

Hon: N. P. Banks
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

28th. December 1

Sir;

The following telegram sent this day is hereby made official.

"Hon. James Gilfillan, Mess. U. S. Washington D.C.

Hope to deliver five cent pieces from next Wednesday, twenty five hundred dollars per diem. Nickel on hand but delay not yet made

J. L. LeConte

Assay Superintendent"

In further explanation I would say that a nickel analysis is a somewhat delicate and troublesome chemical process, but I will hasten it as much as is consistent with accuracy and hope to be able to carry

out the promise made in the telegram.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant

Acting Superintendent

Hon. James Gilfillan
Treasurer of the U.S.
Washington
D.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 28th 1881

Sir,

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day to be 1.082.134.026 dec Fine ounces, together with 82.000.00 gross ounces unassayed.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

John L. Lebaron
acting Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

28th December 1861

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 27th inst. I have to say that Mr Eckfeldt has delivered to me his official oath and bond which I now forward to you for the approval of the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury.

The Commission of Mr Eckfeldt as Assayer of this Mint was not however enclosed in your letter as therein specified.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,

John L. Calhoun.
Acting Superintendent.

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Dec. 28th 1

1641	Handy & Lewis	69.000
1642	J. B. Colgate & Co	22.376.82

John L. Lebonte.
Coy

Dec 29th 81

Handy & Lewis

22nd inst 81

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203 665. 44

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John L. Lafonte

Atty

29th. December 1

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memorandum No. 1836 of Gold bullion being remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C., to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

I am very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,

Assay. Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

27th December 1

Sir,

Herewith I enclose Memo. No 1536, of Gold Bullion, being remittance No. 43, received from your office, as per letter of advice and Memorandum of the 21st inst.

Very respectfully,

Acting Superintendent.

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

December 27 [illegible]

The Cashier will deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting & coinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund, Twenty Two Hundred and Forty (2240) Dollars in one cent & Nickel Coppers Coins, as per the following authority.

Letter & Telegram of the Director April 20 1875
Do " Jany 23 1874
Do Secretary of the Treas. Oct. 29 1874
Do Director Dec. 11 1875
Do Do May 29 1875
Do of Appointment U.S. Nov. 22 1850

John L. Ellmaker,
Acting Superintendent.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Dec. 29th 1881

1643 Handy & Cruise $ 8.136 40

John [illegible]
Superintendent.

The United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
Assay Office

24th December 1881.

Sir;

Will you have the kindness to inform me if you have sent to Messrs. Handy & Cronise, a Copy of the Assay report made on the bar slips recently sent to you from this office.

Your report has been duly received here, and we are pleased that as on former occasions, your results agree with ours.

Very respectfully,

John L. Folonie,

Acting Superintendent.

Jno. Thomas C. Acton
Esq.
U.S. Assay Office
New York

30 Nov. Decem. 1

Sir;

In accordance with the instructions contained in your letters of 14 & 28 th inst, I enclose for approval a form of advertisement for the supplies of Certain articles to be required during the latter half of the current fiscal year. And I would, as desired, indicate the morning "Inquirer" and Evening "Sun" as the papers in which the advertisement should be inserted

I have the honor to remain

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Wm H. C. Bunchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia Pa

30 th. Decemb. 1

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the following coins, being pieces reserved for special Assay from the deliveries made during the month of December Current:-

4 Standard Silver dollars	$4.00
3 Eagles	30 00
4 Half Eagles	20 00

Very respectfully.
Your obedient Servant.
John L. Lalonte,
Acting Superintendent.

Hon A. C. Bendard
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Dec 30th 81

J. B. Colgate & Co

New York.
Dec 22d 81

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76.847.97
85.309.02

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John L. Hilton.

Decree

Rent J. B. Colgate 1860 1.531.17

John B. Colgate.

30th December 1

Sir;

In reply to your polite favor of the 29th inst. in regard to the payment by this Mint of the transportation on the Nickel 5¢ Coins - to be coined hereafter from your Redemption Fund, I beg to inform you that it is my understanding that this Mint should pay all charges for transportation for said Coin forwarded therefrom, which is in accordance with section 3529 of Revised Statutes, but as the section distinctly states, that such payment is at the discretion of the Director of the Mint, I deem it best to communicate with that officer and submit the matter

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to him for instructions, which I have done this day

As soon as I receive a reply I will advise you

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon James Pilfelan
Treas: United States
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Pa.

30th December 1861

Sir,

I enclose Express receipt for one box addressed to the United States Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo. and containing the pure gold, silver, and Lead in completion of your requisition of 2nd Dec. viz. Gold, 5 oz., Silver, 2 oz & Lead 10 lbs,

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant.

John [illegible]
Acting Superintendent.

Hon M. C. Meigs
Quarter Master
Washington
D.C.

To the Recvr.

My dear Mr Burchard

I have received and carefully read your letter of the 29th. inst. in relation to apparent discrepancies in the Silver accounts. You speak of having written another communication on the same day - was it on the same subject? if so I have not received it. Our book-keeper was always careful in his statements of profits & leinorage to use the word approximate, and many times emphasized the word, so that I can see no sense in the effort to hold the approximate statement to a strict comparison with the profits as shown by the annual settlements

of the accounts, and even in this we have to take the average and not the actual cost. although the difference cannot be very great.

The only mode of arriving at a positively accurate statement of the profits on silver purchased would be to sum up the last ounce on hand, and deduct the total cost of the bullion from the resultant coin the difference would of course be the actual profit or seignorage

It seems to me that the impression should at all times be given out that we can only give approximate profits, as there is always a large amount of bullion on

hand, and because the value of the bullion coined is estimated on the average value paid for the same.

I do not see how this can be obviated even under the new mode of keeping the accounts. There is one thing absolutely certain and that is, that all the profit that ever has accrued to the Government in the Coinage of silver, has been accounted for in accordance with the law, so far as this Mint is concerned, and I have no doubt of the same with the other Mints. There can be no doubt on this point in view of the fact, that at our annual settlement all the bullion is

weighed and the accounts accurately
settled.

I have examined your statement of
this Mint's accounts, as taken from the
books of the Treasury and am satisfied
that it is correct

I am improving slowly and hope
to be out of my room in a few days

I am very truly yours

Wm. H. C. Bunhard
Mint Bureau
Washington
D.C.

30th December 1

Sir;

Referring to section 3529 Revised Statutes in regard to the payment of transportation on mint coins forwarded from this Mint, it appears that the discretion of authorizing the payment for transportation thereof, is lodged with you.

I beg therefore to submit the question to you for your direction as to whether I am authorized to proceed as in the past to pay these distribution expenses

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servants

Superintendent

Hon. H. T. Buchanan
Director of Revenue
Washington D.C.

Dec. 31st

The Cashier will deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting and Recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund, Twenty Seven Hundred and Sixty (2760) Dollars in one cent Nickel Copper Coin as per the following authority:

Letter & Telegram of the Director April 24th 1873
Do " Jany. 23d 1874
Do Secretary of the Treasury Oct 29th 1874
Do Director Dec 11th 1875
Do Do May 29th 1878
Do of Approval of the Treas. U.S. Nov. 22d 1881

John L. Lee
Acting Supt.

Mint. December 1

Sir;

In compliance with the instructions of the Director you will please send 3 pairs of Double Eagle dies as soon as possible to Carson, Nev.

Very respectfully

A. Loudenslager

Acting Superintendent.

C. E. Barber Esq
Engraver

21st. Decemb 1

Sir

I have the honor to enclose State-
ment of silver purchased at this Mint
from Dec. 19th 1881 to December 24th 1881.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
John L. Lehnte.
Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

30th. December 1

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the Pointers reports for the week, the month, and the year, ending this day - the 30th inst.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John L. Lewis
Acting Superintendent.

Hon. M. D. Purchase
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

31st December 1

Sir;

I presume that under the order to resume the Coinage of 5 cent: Nickel pieces the Coin itself, will, as heretofore be distributed at the expence of the Government. This has been the invariable rule since the Coinage of the one cent piece in 1857

I write for definite instructions as under section 3529 Revised Statutes this matter seems to be left to your discretion

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

31st. Decem. /

Sir

In reply to your polite favor of the 20th. inst. in relation to the payment by the Mint for transportation of the 5 cent Nickel Coins, I beg to say that since the Coinage of the one (1) cent Nickel piece in 1857 to the present time, the uniform custom has been for the Mint to pay the cost of distribution.

Circular 29 only suspended this authority to pay during the suspension of the Coinage, and it would naturally be resumed on the resumption of the Coinage, unless the Director should decline to permit such payment.

Under section 3529 of the Revised Statutes, the discretion on this point seems to reside with the Director. I have written him, and shall advise you on receipt of his reply. I have no doubt however but the Govt will pay for transportation as heretofore

I am respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Hon. James Gilfillan
Chas. United States
Washington
D.C

21st December 1

Sir,

Remittance of Gold bars from your office have been received by Pacific Express as per letter of advice and memorandum of 20th. inst.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Roswell D. Harrison Esq.
U. S. Assayer
Helena
Montana

31 M. December 1

Sir,

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint with the following result:—

Gold Coinage account	$7.060.931.42
Silver " "	2.820.050.41
Parting & Refining	629.92
Ordinary Fund :—	
Salaries	1.983.72
Wages	9.728.96
Incidentals	1.041.21
Trade Silver dollar appropriation	523.05

Minor Coinage	$ 70.050.85
" " Exchanged	11.648.09
" " Redemption	131.948.89
Total	$ 10.109.346.32

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,

John L. Lekonte
Acting Superintendent.

Hon A. B. Leuchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 31 1881

I have the honor to report the "Bullion on hand at the close of business on the 31st inst., at $45,304,293.08 subdivided approximately as follows:

Gold Coin	$ 7,075,138.00
Gold Bullion	34,384,385.29
Silver Coin	2,806,165.10
Silver Bullion	1,038,604.69
Total as above	$ 45,304,293.08

Very respectfully

Your obed't servant

John L. Laboulaye
acting Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

3rd January 2

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the re=
ceipt of package of circulars — "Melting
and Refining Silver Bars"

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

3rd January, 1887.

Sir,

Being prohibited by a recent circular of the Treasury Department (No. 112, Nov. 8th 81. vol. 1) from paying in advance for any service to be rendered.

I enclose the bills of the Philadelphia Post Office for rent of box for the 1st Quarter of the Current calendar year, and ask for instructions in regard to the matter.

Awaiting your reply I have the honor to remain

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Demeland
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

3rd January, 1882

Sir;

Please make requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury for seven hundred (700) dollars to meet the probable expenses of the Refinery for the current month.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

Hon: H. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

3rd January 1852

Sir;

I have the honor to request that an advance of Ten thousand Dollars, ($10.000) be made from the appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver dollars to meet the probable expenses of that Coinage at this Mint for the current month

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Robert Patterson
Superintendent

Hon. M. C. Rouchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

3rd. January 2

Sir;

In compliance with instructions contained in your letter of the 30th Dec. I have this day sent by Adams Express to Carson City Nevada – the receipt for which is enclosed – the following dies:-

Double Eagle 3 obverse Nos 13, 14, 15 (a)

" " 3 Rev. " 13, 14, 15

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Alexander Kinnear

Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia Pa
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

3d. January 1882

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the Synopsis of the Engineer's Log for the month ending December 1881

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

Mint, Jan'y 1852

Sir;

I have this day sent to your Mint by Adams Express, under instructions of the Director of the Mint of the 30th Decem. ult, the following dies:-

Double Eagle Obverse Nos. 13. 14. 15

" " Reverse " 13. 14. 15

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Superintendent

James Crawford Esq.

Superintendent Branch Mint

Dahlonega Geo.

4th. Dan'l 2

Hon H.C. Bunker, Brister & Chittick, Washington D.C.

Have the bonds of Jacob P. Eckfeldt as depositary of this Bank been approved. Please advise.

A. London Lumsden
Cash. U.S. Mint, Philadelphia

January 4th 2

Sir;

The number of Standard Silver dollars to be coined by this Mint during the Current month has been fixed by the Director at 1.000.000 pieces

Very respectfully

S. Landon Thomas

Superintendent

J. A. Booth Esq.
M. & R.

4th January 1

Sir,

The number of Gold and Silver dollars to be coined by this Mint during the current month has been fixed by the Director at 1.000.000 pieces

Very respectfully.

Landon Snowden
Superintendent

O. D. Bosbyshell Esq.
Coiner

4th Jany 1

Sir;

I have the hon to transmit statements of Mint Coinage operations at this Mint, for the month ending Decem. 31st. 1851

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
R. M. Snowden
Superintendent

Hon: Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

4th. January

Sir;

I have the honor to endorse the oath of office of William A Patterson recently appointed Laborer in the General Department of the Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Linnaeus Rumsey
Superintendent

Hon R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

4th Jany 1

Sir;

Will you have the kindness to order from the Public Printer a book with pages ruled and headed as in the enclosed sample, bound and lettered on the back as there indicated. Should the Public printer be at present under great pressure of work I would ask that I be authorized to have the book prepared in this City

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Thomas Carroll
Superintendent

Hon A. R. Bunker
Director of the Mint
Washington DC.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

January 4th 1882.

Sir,

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day to be 1,167,456.319 dollars

Fine ounces, together with

gross ounces unassayed.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Edward Roberts
Chief Clerk

Hon. Hiram Barney
Collector of the Port
New York, N. Y.

5th January 1

Sir;

I have the honor to request your decision upon the following question:

Can an officer appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, assume the duties of the office to which he has been appointed, or his taking the oath of office; or must he await the approval of his bond and the delivery of his Commission:— in other words, Can an officer exercise the functions of his office and is he entitled to the pay of an office, prior to the approval of his bond and the

delivery of his Commission.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

London Snowden

Superintendent

Hon: A. C. Peschard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

January 5 2

The Cashier will please deliver to to the Melter & Refiner (for melting and re coinage) from the Minor coin Redemption Hand, Three Thousand (3000.) Dollars in one cent nickel copper Coin, as per the following authority.

Letter & Telegram of the Director April 24th 1878

" " Jany 20th 1874

" Secretary of the Treasury Oct. 29th 1874

" Director Dec. 11th 1875

" " May 29th 1878

" Treasurer as approved Nov 22d 1881

Louis Lowber
Superintendent

5th January 82

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose statement of Silver purchased at the Mint from Dec. 27th to Dec. 31st 1881.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

5th January 82

Sir

I have the honor herewith to transmit a copy of the Statement, showing the Correct Cost of Silver bullion, the original of which accompanied my account for the first quarter of 1881;— and which was called for in your letter of the 4th inst.,

I am respectfully
Your obedient servant
Superintendent

Hon Frank C. Bunchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

5th January 1852

Sir:

I enclose for transmission to the Hon: Sec: of Treasury the receipted invoice of Stationery supplies sent to this Mint as per requisition made 5th Dec'r 1851

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
R. Loudon Rowan
Superintendent

Hon. H. D. Bouchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

5th January 2

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memorandum No 1867 of Gold Bullion, being remittance received from the United States Assay office at Helena, Mont., to be transferred to the bullion fund of this Mint.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon H. C. Bernhard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

5th January 1862

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memo No 18 of Gold Bullion, being remittance No. 39, received from your office as per letter of advice and memorandum of 20th. Dec.

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Superintendent

Russell B. Harrison Esq.

Assayer U.S. Assay Office

Helena

Mont.

5th Jan'y 2

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt per Pacific Express Company of one package of Gold Bullion as per letter of advice enclosing Schedule & Express receipt of Dec. 31st 1881

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

H. Silva Esq
Assayer in Charge U.S. Mint
Denver
Colo.

5th January 2

Sir;

I send today by Mail a Volume of "Register of Gold and Silver Bullion, deposited and purchased", And have the honor to remain

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Landon Rowles

Superintendent

Hon H. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Jany 6th 1882

1645	Hovey & Lewis	102000
1646	J. B. Colgate & Co	34.000

6th. January 2

Sir,

In conformity with the provisions of Section 3507 revised Statutes I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Citizen herein inclosed, I have appointed Miss Mary M. Kibbin an Adjuncter on this Reservation at a Compensation of $1.75 per diem vice Miss J. B. Kestibber resigned - to take effect upon Confirmation

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S. London Brown
Superintendent

Hon. H. L. Pinchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C

Ca. January 2

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed Thos Armstrong, a resident of this State, a Laborer in the General Department of this Mint at a Compensation of $2.00 per diem to date from Confirmation. (vice William Armstrong resigned) and respectfully submit the same for approval, under Section 3807 Revised Statutes

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. S. C. Pinchot
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Ct January 2

Sir;

Referring to my letter of 30th. ult: enclosing form of advertisement for supplies in the Mint to which I have as yet received no reply. I beg to inquire whether I shall have the schedule of supplies printed, as on the former occasion for the use of bidders

Awaiting your reply

I have the honor to remain

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

A. L. Mallet Prevost Mordecai

Superintendent

Hon: W. C. Bouchard

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C

6th January 1852

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have delivered to Jacob B Eckfeldt his Commission as Assayer of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Louis Dimler
Superintendent

Hon. M. C. Dunbard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

6th January 2

Sir,

Your letter of October 28th in relation to Indian Peace Medal has been mislaid.

The dies are now completed (two) I should be obliged if you would forward me a copy of that letter to me that I can proceed to manufacture the Medals asked for

I have the honor to remain

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

6th Sept 1862

Sir,

William Armstrong, a laborer in the General Department of the Mint having resigned his name will be dropped from the rolls on and after the 1st inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon Maskell Ewing
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

7th. January 2

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 6th. inst., I beg to say that it does not appear from the records of this Mint, that any instructions were given by the Secretary of the Treasury with regard to the distribution of minor coins prior to the Coinage act of 1873, except in the form of printed Circulars sent here in quantities for distribution to parties enquiring how to procure these coins. The 3rd section of the act of May 16. 1866 expressly authorized the free transportation of 5 Cent pieces to parties ordering them. None of the circulars, however, prior

to 1873 can be found. I distinctly remember that one was issued by Secretary Boutwell but we have no Copy on file.

The only circular under the Act of 1873, was one from Director Linderman under date of April 15. 1873, which you transmit. This was subsequently modified, as you indicate, by a letter dated 22nd. of the same month, limiting the amount sent to sums not less than 20 dollars or "multiples thereof", as subsequent Circulars express it.

The earliest circular, under

the revised Statutes of 1874, section 3529, which we have on hand, is one of July 7th 1877, issued by Acting Secretary Conant, a copy of which is herewith enclosed. A similar circular was issued by Secretary Sherman Feb. 24. 1881, of which we have no duplicate. All the instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury and from the Director of the Mint up to March 25. 1891 were substantially the same in regard to free transportation of mine coins. See the Circular of Secretary Windom to which reference is made the payment of the cost of transportation by

the Mint was discontinued, until a resumption of the Coinage.

It is therefore apparent that there has been no suspension or modification of instructions affecting the free transportation of this Coin since Director Linderman's letter of April 22 nd 1873, and Acting under the Authority contained in your letter of the 6th. the transportation on the Mina Coin will be paid, as heretofore by the Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Gordon Lindsay
Superintendent

Wm. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C

6th January 2

Sir;

Miss J. B. McKibbin having resigned the position of Assistant in the Coining Department of the Mint, her name will be dropped from the rolls on and after the 1st inst.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
A. London Snowden
Superintendent

For. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

7th. January 2

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the Coiners' report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day the 7th. inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Samuel Harris
Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

7th. January 1882

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit Statement of charges imposed on the gold and silver bullion deposited here during December 1881

Very respectfully
Your obedt Servant
Stanton Howard
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

7th January 1

Sir.

Herewith I enclose Assay No 28, of Ores Bullion, being remittance No 7, received from your office ad. per letter of advice and memorandum of 31st inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

H. Silver Esqr
Assayer in Charge
U.S. Mint
Denver
Colo.

7th January 2

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose memorandum No 28 of Gold bullion being remittance received from the United States Mint at Denver to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon. R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

7th. January 2

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of packages of blanks of "Bullion deposited" and "Superintendents accounts with Coins"

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Gideon Woodside
Superintendent

Hon: N. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

7th. January 2

Sir;

You are hereby instructed to receive no gold or silver unless the remittance pass in the regular way through the books of the department

Very respectfully
London Morrison
Superintendent

Mr. H. S. Cochran
Weigh Clerk

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

7th January 1862

Sir;

In further reply to your letter of the 30th ultmo. I beg to say that having communicated with the Director of the Mint, in relation to the subject, I am authorized to pay the cost of transportation of mint coins in exchange for lawful money when ordered in sums of twenty dollars or "multiples thereof"

This is in conformity with the practice of the Mint since the year 1837.

I have the honor to remain

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

Hon. James Gilfillan
Treasurer, United States
Washington D.C.

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Gordon Rankin

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Janry 7th 1837

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Warrant for the sum of Seventy seven thousand seven hundred and seventy nine dollars, in favor of Messrs Gilpin & Brown, for Bullion deposited by them at the Mint, and I am very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Robert M. Patterson

January 9th 2

The Cashier will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting and Recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund, Three Thousand (3000) Dollars in 1¢ Nickel & Copper Coins, as per the following authority, Viz:

Letter & Telegram of the	Director	April 24th	1875
Do	Do	Jany 6th	1875
Do	Secretary of the Treasury	Oct. 29th	1875
Do	Director	Dec. 11th	1875
Do	Do	May 4th	1875
Do	Director with Enclosures	Nov. 14th	1878
Do	Treasurer U.S. (Assistant)	Nov. 27th	1878

A. Loudon Snowden

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

9th January 1852

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that I will transmit 25 of the Garfield Indian Peace Medals, in Silver, within the present week

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

9th January 2

Sir;

I have the honor to endorse for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury Certificates of Deposit 8474 and 8475 of the Assistant Treasurer of Philadelphia, for, respectively $977.87 deposited on account of Refining Charges, and $158.38 deposited on account of other than refining charges

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. A. J. Dallas
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

6th. January 2

Sir,

I enclose a certificate signed by myself and the Assayer with the inventory of the dies destroyed at the Mint on the 3rd Jany 1882, that being the first working day of the current year

I have added to the report of dies destroyed a tabular statement of the number and denomination of the pieces coined, with the number of pieces struck from each pair of dies used during the Calendar year 1881

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

6th. January 1882

The undersigned certify that on the 3rd day of January 1882, in Conformity with the provisions of Section 3550 Revised Statutes the dies enumerated hereafter and used during the Calendar year 1881, were defaced

Louis Kunzler
Superintendent

Jacob B. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

January 9th 1882

I have the honor to report the Bullion in the Coin of Coinage in the 7th inst, at $45,250.012.49 subdivided approximately as follows:

Gold Coin	$ 8.588.492.50
Gold Bullion	32.072.207.92
Silver Coin	2.668.047.26
Silver Bullion	1.121.260.79
Total as Inv.	45.250.012.49

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard,

Director of the Mint.

Washington D. C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Jany. 9th, 1882

Sir

The sum of Eleven thousand (11.000) Dollars in 1c. Copper Nickel Coins having been withdrawn from your Minor Coinage Redemption Fund, for recoinage into 5c. pieces, conformable to the instructions of the Director of the Mint of Nov. 14, 1881, I have to request that you will issue a Transfer Order for the amount, chargeable to said Fund.

I am Sir

Very Respy

Your Obt. Servt

Hon. Jas. Gilfillan,
Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.

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A. Jansen Saunders

10th January 2

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of one book for each Gold and Silver Coin receipts

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Reuben Chandler
Superintendent

Hon: M. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Carson City, Nev.

10th January 2

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit Reports showing Number of ounces of Gold upon, Bullion Operations, and Gold and Silver Melting in the Melters & Refiners Department of this Mint, during December 1881

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linehard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

10th January 2

Sir;

The box of coin dies sent by you to this Mint in accordance with the instructions of the Director has been duly received by Registered mail.

The contents were found to be as follows:-

Gold Eagle	2	Nos.	3 and 4,
Half "	3	"	3, 4, & 5,
Std. Silver Book	2	"	158 & 161

agreeing with the invoice in your letter of the 5th inst.

Very respectfully

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

M. F. Davis Esq
Supt. New Orleans Mint
New Orleans
La.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

January 11th 1882.

Sir

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day, $1,143,269.235 dec

Gold

[illegible] 6000 gross

[illegible]

[illegible]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Superintendent

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[illegible]

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Jany 11th 1882

Sir

I beg to respectfully return herewith, Transfer Order No 10.528 in my favor for $11.000, being the amount of 1c Nickel Coins withdrawn for recoinage from your Mint Coin Redemption Fund.

As the Mint Coin Recoinage A/c is a part of the M. Redemption Fund, this Transfer Order and those to be requested in future should be made payable to the Asst. Treasurer U.S. This was the mode substantially agreed upon in my letter of the 21st Nov. last, and approved by you on the 22nd, and is the only mode of transferring the

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Coin to the Assistant Treasurers
Vaults, that I am aware of.

I am Sir

Very Respy Yours

A Loudenbridge

Dep' Supt

Hon. Jas. Gilfillan

Chief Clerk of

Washington

D.C.

10th January 2

Sir;

I am in receipt of your communication enclosing advertisement for supplies which I will have published at once.

I have extended the time for receiving the bids from the 20th - marked in the advertisement - to the 23rd. so as to carry out your suggestion about giving 3 days additional notice.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Louis Rundell
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Rucker
Director of the Mint
Washington DC

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
Superintendent's Office

Mch. 3rd 1882

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury Certificates of Deposit No. 5476 and 5477, of the Assistant Treasurer at this City for, respectively $108.00 deposited on account of Assays, and $334.87 deposited on account of old Material Sold.

The Statements of the respective accounts are also enclosed

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Bruchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

11th Jany 82

Sir;

I have to acknowledge receipt of a box containing "assay coins reserved during quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1881", by Registered Mail, from your Mint; also Registered mail, a box containing "Reverse Coinage dies"

Very respectfully

Your obt Servt

Superintendent

No. H. L. Dodge

Superintendent U. S. Mint

San Francisco

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11th Jany 1862

Sir,

I am in receipt of communications from the Superintendents of the Mints of San Francisco, New Orleans, and Carson City, informing me that they have forwarded certain reverse dies to this Mint. As many of these dies are hardened, and numbered according to the year, I am at a loss to understand what they are forwarded to this Mint for.

Will you be kind enough to indicate what the object is so that I may govern myself accordingly.

Very respectfully Your obedient Servant

Theodore Arnold

Superintendent

Hon R. J. Rowland
Director of the Mint
Washington DC

11th January 2

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of Section 3307 of revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that - on the recommendation of the Assayer herein enclosed - I have appointed Patterson Du Bois Assistant Assayer in this Mint at $2000 00 per Annum, to take effect upon confirmation

Very respectfully
your obedient Servant
Linderman
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Purdham -
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

11th. January 1842

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst in relation to free transportation of minor Coin, I beg to say that the sentence in my letter of the 7th inst. to which you take exception, was predicated upon the following paragraph in your letter of the 6th inst., to wit.- "Unless suspended or modified by later instructions of the Director, they [that is, the instructions of Director Linderman to pay such transportation] are still in force so far as relates to those minor Coins authorized to be issued by the Mint."

Did this sentence not authorize the

Rec'd Aug. 1st
Ans'd Aug. 4th

the continuance of the policy of Bricker Linderman unless later instructions were found which modified & abrogated the same? As no countermanding order can be found, did not your letter, to which I refer, authorize me to continue the practice of prepayment, and if so would not I be acting under your authority in prepaying?

If there is any question as to whether Bricker Linderman's order on this subject, have been countermanded — and there would seem to be some doubt thereon on the subject by the concluding paragraph of your letter — I should be relieved from

the responsibility of deciding the question, as I have no authority in the premises and can only act under authority derived from you.

The Concluding paragraph in your letter to which I refer is as it:- "Whatever authority, if any exists, for the payment by the mint of cost of transportation, will be found in the circulars & orders of my predecessor", would seem to throw some doubt as to whether the instructions issued by Director Linderman on this subject are still in force.

As I am not responsible for the words of this Act previous to my assuming

the Superintendency, and as I cannot vouch for their accuracy, I must respectfully refer for your decision the question as to whether the instructions of Director Linderman dated April 26th 1873 and modified April 28th 1873, are still in force

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

11th Jany 2

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the Report of Official Postage Stamps used and on hand in this Unit during December 1881

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon Charles J. Folger
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

11th Jany 2-

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by reference from your office of several small parcels of mutilated Silver Coin ranging in value from $1.00 to $.20 c.

Under the rules and instructions governing this Mint, the smallest purchase of Silver or deposit of Gold, received, is 100 dollars, and upon all such there is imposed a melting charge of one dollar, which is a very heavy tax upon small deposits.

Heretofore I have taken those sent from your office, but as the number

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is largely increasing from all parts of the United States, I am forced to decline taking them in the future.

Will you be good enough to notify correspondents and those forwarding to your office, that no less amount than one hundred dollars can be received at this Mint.

I am very respectfully
your obedient servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon James Gilfillan
Treasurer of the United States,
Washington
D.C.

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London Thursday

January 12th 1882

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A. Lucas Jr.
Superintendent

Box 184 transferred
to M 343 P 4667

12th. January 2

Sir;

I have the hono to acknowledge the receipt of one Superintendents Ledger

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Reuben Lowden
Superintendent

Hon. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia Pa.

Dec 8th 1881

Sir;

I herewith transmit Statements of the Superintendents account with the Coiner, for the 3rd and 4th quarters of the year 1881

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

12th Jan'y 82

Sir;

On examining the packages of 46. letter paper received on the requisition made for the first half of the current fiscal year, now remaining on hand, they were found to be without heading.

As I relied upon this paper for the supply of the Dist until June 30th. 1882, I would be obliged to you if you will cause to be sent to me, with as little delay as possible 5 reams of paper headed like the enclosed sample

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. S. C. Bunbaid
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

12th January 1872

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that I have sent by to days Express a package containing 25 Garfield Indian Peace Medals in silver. Bills for the same are herewith enclosed made out, as usual, in the Interior Department

Please have vouchers signed and return, with check for the amount.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

13th Janᵛ 2

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the oath of office of Patterson DuBois recently appointed Assistant Assayer in this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Lorenzo Sumner
Superintendent

Hon H.C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

13th January 1882

Sir;

I herewith transmit Statements of Gold and Silver of Domestic production during Nov. 1881 and Statement of deposits and Purchases of Gold & Silver bullion at this Mint, during the same period

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

13th Janᵛ 2

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of 3 boxes Containing assay Coins reserved from the deliveries of your Mints, for the months of November and December 1881, as per your letter of 5th inst.

Very respectfully

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

James Crawford Esq.
Superintendent U. S. Mint
Dalton
Nev.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Jany 13th 1882

600	Hamilton & Comies	105.000—
601	J. R. Colgate & Co	32.000—

Superintendent

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Jany. 13th 1862

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst. in relation to the manner in which the Register has performed his duties of Melter & Refiner pro tem, I beg to say that the suggestions you make will be carried out, if we understand exactly what is desired.

As you are aware, the bars are not melted before delivery to the Master Coiner, but deductions are made for dirt &c. Do you desire that the deductions on each bar shall be noted, or will the aggregate deductions for the whole amount purchased from each seller placed at the foot of the column

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answer your Purpose. The deductions if made and entered upon each Bar, would make the entries similar to the entries after melting, on one of the Bars Chas. S.

Dany, Very Respy
Your Obt Servt
Robt Patterson
Supt

Hon. M. C. Rowland
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

January 14th 1

The Cashier will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting and recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund, Three thousand (3000) Dollars in Nickel & Copper Coins, as per the following authority Viz:

Letter & Telegram of the Director April 2nd 1879

Do " Jany 28th 1879

Do Secretary of the Treasury Oct 27th 1879

Do Director Dec. 11th 1879

Do do May. 29 1878

Do with Enclosures do Nov. 14 (80.

Do of Assistant Treasurer, Francisco. " 22nd 1881

Superintendent

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Jany 14th 2

Sir.

I enclose herewith the Certificate from Messrs. Kenett, Henninger & Co. of New York, for Snipes sold them amounting to $10.161.57, requested in your letter of the 12th inst.

Very Respy Yours

Edward Moulder

Supt

Hon
H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Jany 11th 2

Sir.

As desired in your letter of the 12th inst I hand you herewith a Statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the 3rd Quarter, 1881, corrected as indicated by your pencilings on the original statement from this Office, returned in the aforesaid letter. I am aware that the amounts paid from the Appropriations to liquidate the Wastage & Loss on Sweep Gold, are not Earnings, but as they appear as a repayment Credited in my Profit & Loss A/c. it seemed to me only prop. that they should appear somewhere

on the Statement, as receipts, and I was careful to specify them as such, to be treated by you, on examination, as you should deem proper.

The item of $1.064 32, the amount of Incidental Refinery Expenses, contains the Wastage & Loss on Sweep Gold, amounting to $2.72 47, but as upon note in pencil indicates that you desire it also to be excluded, I did it.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. Bernard
Director of the Mint

14th January 2

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the Courier Report of the Carriage executed at this Mint for the week ending 14th inst. - this day.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. R. J. Rinehart
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

13th Janᵍ 82

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 12th. inst. in answer to mine of the 11th. inst. in relation to reverse dies forwarded here from the different Mints, I beg to say, that in my letter of September 9th. 1880, I suggested the propriety of destroying the reverse dies at the end of that year, so that we might commence the new system without any of the old dies on hand to embarrass us. In that letter I did not contemplate that future dies would be forwarded to this Mint for destruction

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a process. Not having had any intimation of the contemplated receipt of the dies here, and no instructions in relation to dealing with them, I was at a loss to know what was contemplated.

The numbers on each dies formed as above "hardened", will be ground off and renumbered as may be required by future orders. In the case of the hardened dies as got for will be made to grind off the numbers and "etch" in future numbers by acid, which I think can be done. If this is found impossible

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herewith, the dies will be destroyed.

When all the dies from the different Mints are received, I will forward you a statement giving the number of the dies from each Mint and the numbers on the dies, so that the record in your office may be complete.

I beg you will do me the kindness to erase from my letter of September 14th 1880 the word "fiscal" and insert the word "Columbus" in place thereof. The original insertion was an error of the Stenographer *

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Trusting that the course suggested
will meet your approval
I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant
R. Maxwell Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. A. C. Bunchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

14th. January 1882.

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst, and in reply would state that my object in asking for a transfer order for Eleven thousand dollars, as per my letter of the 9th. inst, was to transfer the 5 Cent Coins, resultant from the one cent Nickel Copper Coins in your Redemption Fund to the Assistant Treasurer in this City, in conformity with my letter of November 21st 1881 approved by you on the 22nd.

The Coin could be distributed from the Assistant Treasury if required

by registered mail, as was done on several occasions in shipping coin to San Francisco from this Mint, such action having been taken at your instance. If however you prefer not to move the coin from the Mint, the transfer orders might be made payable in lawful money to the Assistant Treasurer in that city and in this way you would be reimbursed for the coin withdrawn from your redemption fund for re-coinage.

In reply to so much of your letter as refers to my letter of the 7th inst, relating to the distribution of mint coins at the Ex. of the Mint, I beg to

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by registered Mail, as was done on several occasions in shipping Coin to San Francisco from this Mint, such action having been taken at your instance. If however you prefer not to move the Coin from the Mint, the transfer orders might be made payable in Lawful money to the Assistant Treasurer in this City and in this way you would be reimbursed for the Coin withdrawn from your redemption fund for recoinage.

In reply to so much of your letter as refers to my letter of the 7th inst., relating to the distribution of mine Coins at the Cost of the Mint, I beg to

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that in that letter I referred to such "mint coins as were exchanged for lawful money", and had no reference to transfers from your redemption fund, the mode of reimbursement for which was fixed in the letters to which I have referred. This explanation will, I think, reconcile the apparent conflict between the letters of the 7th. and the 9th., to which you refer. My letter of the 9th. had no reference to, or connection with my letter of the 7th., and was based upon the presumption that the coin taken from the redemption fund, would follow the

course heretofore indicated.

I beg to express the personal pleasure it would afford me to facilitate any transactions you may have with this Mint, and believe that under either of the plans suggested, the object sought can be easily accomplished

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Landon Ronaldson
Superintendent

Hon James Gilfillan
Treasurer of the United States
Washington
D.C.

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14th. January 2

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of Section 3607 revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that — on the recommendation of the bonds herein endorsed — I have appointed Miss Stella Beverley an Adjuster in this Mint at a compensation of $1.75 per diem, to take effect upon confirmation — vice Mrs M. E. Dunn resigned

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Landon Bunker
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linehard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C

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14th Jany 2

My dear Sir,

Your polite favor of this morning was received in due time and in reply I beg to congratulate you on your deserved promotion and to express the hope and belief that your future conduct will be such as to serve the best interests of the Government and redound to your credit

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Gordon Snowden
Superintendent

Mr. Patterson Du Bois
Assistant Assayer
U.S. Mint

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Jany 16th 1882

Sir.

Before sending my Bullion A/cs for the 4th quarter, 1881, I have to respectfully ask for instructions on the following points.

1st — What disposition is it proper that I should make in said A/cs, of the "Bullion deducted for Charges on Silver Bars," since Jany. 1st 1881.

2d — The custom from the commencement of the Exchanging of old Minor Coins for new, has been to charge the "Minor Coinage Profit Fund" with the amount so exchanged, holding said amount in a separate A/c. called the "Minor Coinage Exchange Fund", the reason for changing

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Said "Mint Coinage Profit Fund" with these Coins to be paid out being that those received are unavailable as profits. No objection to this Course has ever yet been made known to me, but as Section 3528 R. S. does not authorize such a change, I desire to call your attention to the subject, and to ask for your instruction whether to continue in the present Course, or to change the amount ($11.698.92) back as profits, and open another A/c. for these exchanges, to be included in the Bullion A/cs. proper.

3d. In the "Regulations" we

Instructions," Page 12, paragraph 5, it is required that the Melter & Refiner shall be debited with the weight and cost of all metal delivered to him, (also the Seignorage) on Minor Coins. As you have modified the mode of keeping the Gold and Silver Bullion A/cs, (from January 1st 1881,) I made the Minor Coinage Metal A/cs, for the 3d Quarter 1881, to correspond therewith, in order to have uniformity, not noticing this provision of the "Regulations". Although you verbally agreed to the modification, I have thought it best to call your attention to the subject

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in order that the "Regulations" may be made to agree to the modification, by your Official direction.

Yours, Very Resp'y
S. Landon Thorndyke
Supt

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

16th January 1862

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose the oath of office of Miss Mary E. Mattibbin, recently appointed Adjuster in the Coinage department of the Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Franklin Peale
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linebarger
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

16th. January 2

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose the oath of office of Thomas Armstrong recently appointed laborer in the Coinage Department of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Frederick Kinsley
Superintendent

Hon H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

16th Jany 2

Sir;

By permission of the Superintendent Ira L. Morey is granted fifteen days leave of absence in consequence of illness in his family

Chief Clerk

Capt. Banks
Night Watch

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

January 16th 1882

I have the honor to report the Bullion
Deposited for the week ending on the 14th inst., at
$45.261.254.24 subdivided approximately
as follows, viz:

Gold Coin	$ 7.636.535.50
Gold Bullion,	31.892.382.50
Silver Coin	2.783.009.07
Silver Bullion	949.007.19
Total as above	$ 45.261.254.24

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

Linderman
Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

114th Cong. 1st

Sir,

Mrs. Maggie R. Turner having resigned her position of Assistant, her name will be dropped from the rolls on and after the 1st inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servt
Edward Sweeney
Superintendent

Hon. A. A. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 16 2

Sir

In return for the $5.00 draft in your letter of the 14th inst, I send herewith by registered mail, two Silver proof sets of the Coinage of 1881.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

16th. Jany 2

Sir;

I enclose Certificate of Deposit No. 656 of the United States Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia for $17,418 16 being the value of the remittance of light and defaced gold coin recently received from your office, as is shown by the accompanying memorandum No. 70

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

A. London Snowden

Superintendent

Hon: James Gillilan

Treasurer of the United States

Washington

D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

11th January 2

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt by express to-day of one box Bronze dies from your Mint, as per your letter of advice of 4th. inst.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt.

Linderman

Superintendent

James Crawford. Esqr.

Superintendent U.S. Mint

Boston

Mass.

Jany 17th 82

Handy & Cowie

1/12 82

102.552 L
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London Times

Janý 17 ℔ 82

J. B. Colyar & Co

1/12 — 82

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A. L. Adams Trustee

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1652 Handy & Lowrie 11.3421 35
1653 J. B. & Co 5.1726.72

Lowrie Lowrie

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Jany 17th 1882

Sir

I have the honor to forward you by today's mail, my 7th & 8th Silver Assays and Refining operations for the month of December 1881

I am

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Assayer

Hon H. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

17th. Jany 2

Sir;

On the requisition of the Director of the Mint, Jany 7th 1882, I have ordered two Carboys of Chemically pure Nitric Acid to be shipped by Powers and Weightman to your Mint. The bills, and bill of lading will be sent to the Director as requested by him

Very respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Superintendent

W. T. Davis Esq

Superintendent U.S. Mint

New Orleans

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17th. Janᵛ 2

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 12th inst. instructing me to furnish you my Profit & Loss account for the 3rd. quarter 1881, for loss on Gold Coin sold, and calling my attention to Regulations and Instructions" pages 15 and 16, relating to the manner in which wastage and loss on Coins sold is to be accounted for, I have to respectfully state, that I do not find anything in the clause referred to which requires a quarterly settlement of Loss by the sale of Coin. On the Contrary the general tendency of the Section indicates that

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an Annual reimbursement for Loss on Sweeps is intended. If however it is your desire to amend the printed instructions, so that quarterly reimbursements on this account must be made, I shall conform, although it appears to me to be more desirable that there should be one transaction only in settling such losses, and that at the time when coinage is settled

Your letter instructs me to reimburse for gold. Shall I not at the same time include the loss on Silver

Very respectfully your obedient servant

Gordon Mendes
Superintendent

H. A. O. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

17th. Jany 2

Sir;

In compliance with the concluding paragraph contained in my letter of the 13th. inst. I beg to submit the following list of Reverse dies forwarded from the Mints of San Francisco, Carson, and New Orleans, giving the number of dies of each denomination, with the numbers on each die, to wit:-

San Francisco, 10 double Eagle dies, numbered as follows, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, (and 17.

5 Eagle dies, numbered as follows, 14, 17, 18, 19 (and 20

7 Half Eagle dies, numbered as

follows: 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19
and 20

21 Standard Dollar dies numbered as follows: 140, 141, 149, 166,
167, 168, 170, 171
172, 173, 178, 176,
177, 178, 179, 180,
181, 182, 183, 184
and 185

Carson City: 2 Double Eagle dies numbered as follows: 1 and 2
1 Eagle die, No. 2
1 Half Eagle die, No 2
22 Standard dollar dies, numbered as follows:—

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4, 5, 6, 7, 8
9, 10, 61, 62, 63,
64, 65, 66, 67, 68,
69, 70, 71, 72, 73,
74 and 75; and

New Orleans, 2 Eagle dies numbered as follows:- 3 and 4.
3 Half Eagle dies numbered as follows:- 3, 4, and 5,
2 Standard dollar dies, numbered as follows: 158 and 161

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Andrew Mercer
Superintendent

Hon R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

17th January 1882

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the following statement;
Deposits and Purchases of Bullion, and Bullion of domestic production deposited, during December 1881

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Lorain Franklin
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

17th Jany 2

Sir:

Please furnish me, without delay with a statement, showing the following:—
Total amount of Gold & Silver operated on, each respectively, from July 1st 1881, to Augt 16th 1881:
Total amount Gold and Silver (each respectively) operated upon in the Refinery for same period

Very respectfully
Gordon Lindsay
Superintendent

James C. Booth Esq
Mint

18th January 1.

Hon James Pitkin Secretary United States.
Washington D.C.

Can you inform me where Secretary Folger is in Philadelphia to day, and if so where he is stopping?
I desire to communicate him an official matter

A Lansdowne Worcester
Insp. U. S. Mint

Geo. Worcester

18th June

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., I beg to say that I was quite aware that an order issued by competent authority remains in force unless modified or abrogated. The question however in the case under consideration was, whether the order authorizing free transportation of Minor Coins had been modified or abrogated, and as a doubt had been cast on this point, I desired that you to whom was addressed, not only "competent," but all authority, should decide.

I refer to your letters of the 2nd and 9th inst., and the one in relation to the suspension of the 3 cent Nickel Coins. In the former, the question of free transportation had been raised by the Treasurer of the United States, and to him, which refers to Circular No. 9, and his subject, issued by the Secretary of the Treasury,

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and although I know that the Secretary, under the law, had no authority to suspend the payment of transportation even temporarily, I thought perhaps you had been consulted, and had agreed to the circular, and therefore before replying to his letter, I wrote to you for instructions, not desiring to give any personal opinion on the subject. In regard to suspension of the coinage of three cent nickel pieces I was aware that this authority rested in the Secretary, but, as was my duty, the subject of suspending the coinage was referred to your office, and action was predicated upon Acting Director Preston's letter, which was to all intent and purposes, so far as I am concerned, an order, finding, although itself predicated upon the action of the Secretary.

I had no knowledge of the "previous suspension of this coinage" by the Secretary of the Treasury either from your office or by circular or letter from the Secretary, - nor do I

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deem that it was important that I should be informed on this point. All the information I possessed or required was contained in the Acting Director's letter of August 24th.

I esteem that it would have been neither courteous nor proper for me to have enquired whether the Acting Director had obtained from the Secretary of the Treasury the authority which I knew by Law was vested in him alone to suspend this Coinage. I presumed naturally that he had obtained it, and therefore when the Treasurer of the United States asked on what authority I was acting, I gave him the authority.

At the time I wrote to the Treasurer I was quite ill, and directed that my letter be sent through your office, which it seems was overlooked, and which I sincerely regret, as I also do that the questions which come naturally under your general

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authority, should not be propounded to you directly, rather than to me or through me.

I have endeavored to perform my duty conscientiously and with courtesy and kindness to all, and I should not be placed in a position, where declining to answer interrogatories propounded by a high official of the Government, must be looked upon as a discourtesy, if not a neglect of duty, and where to answer may be construed into a want of official consideration to my superior officer, whose authority I am bound, by official courtesy and close official obligations to maintain.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

18th. Jany 2

Sir,

I have the honor to request that requisition be made on the public printer for 300 blanks circular to the enclosed for the use of this Mint - as soon as practicable

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
R. Maclean Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC.

18th. Jany. 2—

Sir,

In reply to so much of your letter of the 16th. inst. as relates to the method of making entries of Silver purchases in the Weigh-Clerk's book, I have to state that the Weigh-Clerk's book contains an entry of the weight of each bar before and after assay is made, and from this record the weights on the abstract sheet and on the Assay reports are taken, as you indicate.

My only thought in making the suggestion in relation to the Registers book, was that the weight on each bar before deduction, being given, the aggregate deduction from the weight on the whole number

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of bars in each punched might answer your
purpose and save Considerable Labor.

The Register book will have to be made
to conform to that of the Weigh Clerks

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Thomas Sharp
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

18th. January 2

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of one Ledger book,

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Franklin Peale

Superintendent

Hon. A. C. Dallas

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

1881 Jan'y 2

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th. inst. covering "table of distances from Philadelphia to certain towns, to which standard silver dollars have been shipped".

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

18th January 2

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the statement of Silver purchased at this Mint from Janry 1st to Janry 7th. inst.

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

Hon A. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

18th January 2

Sir;

In reply to so much of your letter of the 17th inst. as "authorizes and directs that the Silver parted from gold deposits be entered in the Silver-Bullion-purchase-account and reported monthly &c &c", I beg to say, that by a reference to our accounts, you will notice on form 193, that this course has been pursued in this Mint, since July 1st 1881

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon: H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

18th Jany 2

Sir;

The supply of Circulars similar to sample under a being almost exhausted, you will oblige me by directing a further supply to be sent to this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. N. A. Bonchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Jany 18th 1882

Sir

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day, to be 1.043.441.568 dus fine ounces together with ——— gross ounces unassayed.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Louis Brunner
Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia Pa.

Jany 18 [illegible] 2

Sir

Herewith I forward Statement of Medal Fund Account, with Vouchers, for Quarter ending December 31. 1881, Showing a balance in favor of the account of $1861.23.

Very respectfully

Your obedt Servt

Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C

18th January 2

Sir

The following telegram sent to your Department this day, is hereby made official.

"Can you inform me whether Secretary Pilgan is in Philadelphia today, and if so, where he is stopping?

I desire to consult him on an official matter"

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Lorenzo Thomas
Superintendent

Hon. James Gillfillan
Secy. U.S.
Washington
D.C.

19th Jany 2.

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose mems. No. 194 of Gold Bullion being remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Linderman

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

19th Janʸ 2

Sir:

Herewith I enclose Mems. No 104 of Gold Bullion, being remittance No 1. received from your office as per letter of advice and memorandum of 14th. inst.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt
Landon Thomas
Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

January 19th 1861

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you by to-day's mail, my oath of Ordinary Expenses for the month of December 1860

I am

Very Respectfully

A. Loudon Snowden

Supt

Hon. H. R. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Jany 19. 82

Sir

Enclosed please find Coiner's Report of Medals and Proof Coins Manufactured for the Quarter ending December 31, 1881 as follows.

A. Fine and Standard gold and Silver used in manufacture of Medals.

B. Copper used in Manufacture of Medals

C. Gold Proof Coins

D. Silver do "

I. Gold Medals

K Silver do

H. Bronze do.

Also Superintendent's Report of Medals and Proof Coins, Sold and on hand, for Same Quarter, as follows -

E. Gold Medals
I. Silver do
G. Bronze do
6. Gold Proof Coins
7. Silver do "

Very respectfully
Adam Eckfeldt
Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Jany 19th 1872

Sir

Respecting the proof sets of coins ordered in your letter of 17th inst, intended for the Chinese Government, will you please inform me if you desire both sets to be placed in one case and if they are to be so mounted as to expose both faces, under glass covers.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

19th January 1852

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury Certificate of Deposit No 5481 of the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia for One thousand dollars deposited on account of profits on Medal Fund

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Robert Patterson
Superintendent

Hon. A. G. Dallas
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Form 328.

Treasury Department Office of Examination of Statement of Account.

Jany 20th 1882

(Dec. 31st 1881

Please furnish a further supply of these blanks.

A. London Purman
Supt

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jany. 20th 1882

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith a Revised Statement of Silver Bullion purchased during December, 1881, to take the place of that mailed you yesterday, in which I made an error of 59 Cents, by transcribing the opening balance from the 7th, incorrectly. Please cancel the same

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Landon Ronaldson
Supt

Hon H. Pinchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

20th Jan'y 2—

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 19th inst. enclosing copies of Correspondence between The Treasurer of United States, and the Secretary of the Treasury &c &c.

I regret that there should have been any occasion for the Correspondence and trust that matters will adjust themselves pleasantly in the future

Very respectfully
your obedient servant
Robert Patterson
Superintendent

Hon. F. C. Pinchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

20th Jany 82

Sir,

Your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to unauthorized Charges upon Silver T.S. was referred to the Assayer of this Mint, a copy of whose reply to me I herewith enclose.

I regret that a few more of the same character will likely appear in the accounts rendered 31st Dec 1881 as there seems to be no remedy for it I suppose they will have to pass

I have directed that a carefully prepared schedule of charges be made out by the Assayer, based upon instructions and after verification, copies shall be

made therefrom which shall be handed to the Deposit and Warrant Clerks, who will examine and see that the Changes made by the Assayer are in conformity therewith

I trust that this will obviate any difficulty in the future

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Landon Ronaldson
Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

20th Jany 2

Sir;

As Small pox has appeared among the employés of the institution you will be good enough to serve notice upon those employed in your department to have themselves vaccinated at once.

I am respectfully yours &
Lorenzo Somers
Superintendent

C. E. Parker Esq
Engraver

Also to M & R
Assayer (Mint)
Coiner

January 21

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the Coiner's report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day the 21st inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Robert M. Patterson
Superintendent

Hon. W. C. Rives
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent's Office

January 21 1852

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the Comer's report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day the 21st inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Robert Maskell
Superintendent

Hon. M. C. Rundall
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

21st. Jany 2

Sir,

I have to request that you will hasten as much as possible the transmission of the "Printed Coin Circulars", asked for on the inst.

An unusual demand for these circulars has suddenly exhausted our supply, and applications for information still increase.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
S. Loveday Chandler

Hon. H. R. Purchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

21st Jany 1852

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose State-
ment of Silver purchased at this Mint
from Jany 9th. to Jany 19th inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Lovett Pumbee
Superintendent

Hon. A. C. Dodge
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 21st 1862

1654 J. B. Colgate & Co 12.4440. 37

Linden Bowles

21st January 2

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of 2 Books, Medals, &c &c &c., and package of "Statements of Coinage"

Very respectfully
Your obedt. servt
A. Boyd Pomeroy
Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

N. Y. Jany 2

Hon. S. P. Chase

I have been requested by the Finance Committee of the Senate to appear before it on Tuesday at half past 10 O'clock in the morning.

I shall avail myself of this opportunity to present some business to you which can be straightened up better by a personal interview than by correspondence

I will stop at Willards

I am very truly yours

Fernando Wood

Hon. S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington DC

Respectfully referred to United States Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia

Secretary

W Wirt
Richard
Jas Jones

28th. Jany 2

Sir,

I enclose the oath of office of Miss Stella Barclay recently appointed Adjuster in the Bonds Department of this Mint

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Louis Bamberger

Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Jany 23d 1882

I have the honor to report the Bullion
in the Assay Coinings on the 21st inst., at
45.187.254.74 subdivided approximately

Gold Coin	11.06 2.651.50
Gold Bullion	30.466.566.524
Silver Coin	2.991.494.65
Silver Bullion	666.5212.15
	45.187.254.74

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

E. Roberts
Superintendent

Hon. Scott Lyon & Green Leaf,
Assistants of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

January 26th 1882

Sir.

The Balance of Profits on the Silver Coinage for quarter ended Dec. 31st 1881, as shown by the Silver Profit Fund A/c is $407.486.68 which sum may be transferred to the A/c Bullion Fund, if in your judgment such transfer for such sum is proper.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully,

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Act Supt

Hon. H. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

24th. Janᵧ 2

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a package of blanks on the subject of mutilated currency.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obᵗ servant,

John L. LeConte,

Acting Superintendent.

Hon. H. C. Burchard,

Director of the Mint,

Washington,

D. C.

24th Jan'y 1882

Sir,

In conformity with your requisition of Dec'r 15. 1881, I have caused to be prepared a set of steel assay stamps for use at the United States Assay Office St. Louis, Mo. The box containing them has been forwarded to day by Adams Express and the Superintendent advised by letter.

I now enclose the express receipt and duplicate receipted bills of F. J. Kentlinger for $47 25/100.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
John L. LeConte,
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linehard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

24th. Jany 82

Sir;

I send to day, by Adams Express a box containing the set of steel stamps for the use of your office, in accordance with the requisition of the Director of the Mint of Dec 15th 1881. The bills receipted and in duplicate for $47.25 have been sent with the Express receipt to the office of the Director.

Very respectfully,

John L. Ledoux,

Acting Superintendent

Elist L. Jouett

U. S. Assayer

St Louis

Mo

Mint of the United States, Philadelphia,

Janᵧ 25th, 1882

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will inform me, whether it is your intention, that in accounting for Wastage and Loss on Snuffs sold, that Snuffs from the Deposit Melting Room, already Credited to Profit & Loss at full Valuation are to be regarded as "Surplus bullion" and the Value of them to be deducted from the Loss on Snuffs sold, before reimbursement from the Appropriation.

I am, Very Respy

John L. Ledoux

Actg. Dir.

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

25th Jany 2

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of 2 Book Gold & Silver deposits & Purchases M & R. (2) 1 Book Assayers Mem.s of Silver Purchases.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

John L. LeConte

Supt.

Wm. Hunter Esq.

Chief Clerk

Treasury Dept.

Washington

D.C.

Jany 25 2

Sir

Herewith I return report of "Silver Medals of a National Character" for fourth Quarter 1881, corrected as desired.

The report now shows one Allegiance Medal Sold during last Quarter and three Medals on hand, which is correct.

Very respectfully Yours.

John L. Lefevre
Acting Superintendent.

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Jany 25th 1882

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John D. LeConte
Insp

20th Jany 2

Sir;

I send to-day by Adams Express a box for which the receipt is enclosed containing the following dies for 1882, in completion of the requisition of the Director of the Mint of Oct. 1st 1881.

15	Double Eagle	Obverse	No.	1620	30 inclusive
15	" "	Reverse	"	16	" 30 "
10	Eagle	Obverse	"	22	" 31 "
10	"	Reverse	"	22	" 31 "
5	Half Eagle	Obverse	"	23	" 27 "
5	" "	Reverse	"	23	" 27 "
20	Standard Dollar	Obverse	"	57	" 76 " inc
20	" "	Reverse	"	57	" 76

Very respectfully,

John L. LeConte,
Acting Superintendent.

Archd. L. Dodge
Superintendent U.S. Mint
San Francisco Cal.

28th January 2

Sir

I have this day forwarded by Adams Express to the Superintendent of the United States Mint, San Francisco, Cal., the following dies, (in completion of your requisition of Feb 3. 1881) for the Calendar year 1882

15	Double Eagle	Obverse	Nos	16	to	30 inclusive
15	" "	Reverse	"	16	"	30 "
10	Eagle	Obverse	"	22	"	31 "
10	"	Reverse	"	22	"	31 "
5	Half Eagle	Obverse	"	23	"	27 "
5	" "	Reverse	"	23	"	27 "

20 Hundred dollars Obverse Nos 57 to 76 inclusive (a)

20 " " " " 57 " 76 "

Very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

John L. Le Conte.

Acting Superintendent.

Hon A. G. Dunham

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

January 25th 1882.

Sir:

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day to be 776,647.58 fine ounces, together with ——— gross ounces unassayed.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servt.

John L. Taylor
Actg Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D. C.

26th. Jany 2

Sir,

I beg to enquire if the address given in Transfer letter #16461, "Heard, McFarland & Co., Evart, Iowa" be correct. Remittances have been previously sent to a firm of the same name, at "Evart, Michigan", and direction has been given to the Express agent to forward to the Post named address, as there appears to be no town so named in Iowa.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John L. Lebonta,
Acting Superintendent.

Hon: James Gilfillan
Treasurer of the United States
Washington D.C.

25th January 1

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of draft No. 16088 on Treasury Warrant No. 233 for $93.500, on account of Salaries, Wages, Contingent Expenses and Coinage of Gold and Silver Dollars, & also draft No. 16089 on Treasury Warrant No 229 for $700.7 on account of parting & Refining Bullion.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

John L. Eckfeldt,

Acting Superintendent.

Hon. James Gillillan

Treasurer of the United States

Washington

D.C.

26th Jany 2

Sir;

Will you have the kindness to forward to me copies of so much of the appropriation bill as contains the proposed salaries of certain employés of the Mint, inserted by your House last appropriation

This request I make at your suggestion

And beg to remain

Very respectfully yours

A. London Ramsay

Hon. A. C. Richards

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

27th. June 2

My dear Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of the 26th. inst. and in reply beg to inform you that I have directed that the proof dies for 1882 be finished at once and I trust they may be in condition to strike a set from and forward to you by the time indicated

Very respectfully

Edward Knowles

Superintendent

Hon. Thomas A. Acton
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York
N.Y.

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January 27th 2

The Cashier will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting and Recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund, three thousand (3000.) Dollars in one cent Copper Nickel Coins, as for the following authority Viz:

Letter & Telegram of the	Director	April 21st 1870
Do	Do	Jany 23 1874
Do Secretary of the	Treasury	Oct 29 1874
Do	Director	Dec. 11th 1877
Do	Do	May 29th 1878
Do Director with	Enclosures	Nov. 14th 1881
Do of Approval	Treas U.S	Nov. 22d 1881

John L. Leconte,
acting Superintendent

Jany 27th 2

1656 J. B. Colgate & Co. 8594.92

Louis Prudue

27th. Jany 2

Sir;

In compliance with your letters of the 17th and 20th inst., I have had a "suitable case" prepared, and had 2 full sets of our coin placed therein (omitting the Trade Dollar) for transmission to the Chinese Government.

They will be forwarded to your address by Express, and I enclose herewith bills for the same.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

27th. Jany 2

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of 2 Registers of Remittance received for mint Coins

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Landon Ronaldson

Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

Janry 28th

Director of the U.S. Mint
Washington D.C

Did you buy silver
for this Mint; No no-
tice received, and Refuse
delivering. Andrew.

A. Loudon Snowden

Supt

Mint Coin Room

Jany 28th 1882

165 Handy & Lewis 20.000/

Loudon Snowden

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jany 28th 1882

Sir.

The 1st Comptroller of the Treasury having disallowed sundry items in my Bullion A/c's, from Feby 2d 1879 to July 27th 1880, for overcharges on Transportation of Silver Coin, and amounting to $68.73, I have presented a claim to that Company for the same, and it will be refunded, most likely today.

Will you kindly inform me what disposition I shall make of the money when received, in order to obtain proper credit from the Comptroller on the Department Books?

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully
A. Loudon Snowden
Supt

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jany 28th 1882

Sir.

I beg to hand you herewith for your examination, a statement of the settlement effected by you of the Loss on Smelts sold and taken up in my Bullion A/cs. for the 3d Quarter, 1881. I believe it conforms to the Regulations, but before making the requisite transfers to and from the Appropriations and Coinage A/cs, I think it would be best to have your approval of it, unless you find that it does not correspond with the Regulations. Please examine and return.

I am, Very Respty.

Your Obt Servt

Chas. Schumacher
Supt

Hon H. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington DC

28th January 2

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst enclosing a letter from E. M. Stahl asking "if mutilated silver coins will be received at the Mint in small amounts", and further requesting an "expression of my views as to whether any, and what minimum amount of mutilated silver Coin should be received" &c I beg to repeat what I said to you personally in our interview on the 24th inst.

Under present regulations it has been the custom at this Mint to receive no less than $100.— of gold and silver, and this should be as a rule the minimum

amount received, in the regular way, as any smaller deposits would increase the work of the Assay Department to an inordinate degree.

It is desirable however that persons holding mutilated silver in small sums should have some opportunity of disposing of the same, although the best means of stopping the unlawful mutilation of coins, is by educating the people to refuse to take any such coin.

I would suggest the propriety however of my receiving mutilated silver Coin of the United States in sums of $5.00 and

up to $100 under the following regulations:

The Coin to be weighed by the weigh-clerk in the presence of the Depositor, both of whom shall keep records of the weight of each parcel, with the name of the party sending it; after allowing for dust and impurities the weigh Clerk to give a check upon the Cashier, giving the weight and value of each parcel: this calculation to be proved by the abstract clerk.

The Cashier should be authorized to pay the amount of such Checks and hold them as vouchers until the end

of the month, when all the small silver purchases of the month should be deposited in the name of the Superintendent and melted up and assayed and the Cashier's account be made good, from this aggregate melt, any gain accruing from the deductions during the month to be transferred to the Profit & Loss account. This is the mode practically pursued in 1853, when we were authorized to purchase fractions of the Spanish and Mexican dollars. I can see no objection to this plan and think it will give the relief needed to the people. Any other system by which assays would have to be made

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of each lot of Coin received, would as I stated before, throw an account of work upon the Assay Department, which would seriously interfere with the general work of it already bur-dened Board of this Mint Service.

If you approve of the plan suggested, I will put it into immediate operation

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon H. C. Bundlett
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

20th Jan'y 2

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose herewith a schedule of proposals for supplying this Bureau with certain articles advertised for, in conformity with authority granted through the Bureau. The advertisement was continued in two papers for a week, and I allowed six days to intervene after the concluding of the advertising for the purpose of giving plenty of time for persons to make their proposals.

The bids were opened in the presence of such of the bidders as desired to be present - and of the operating officers - at 12 O'clock

Jan'y 23 '87. I enclose herewith also a schedule showing the articles advertised for: many of them however were for very small quantities.

From the enclosed bill of proposals it will be seen that for the supply of Corral Ridge Hound picked Oats the bid of Dan'l K. Ward is for $1.87½ which is just 6 cents less than the bid of William Jordan who has been supplying at the same price as his bid for some time. I submit this bid without any recommendation as to the propriety of the acceptance of the lowest. Mr Jordan has supplied

me for a long time, and since he began, there has not been one word of Complaint from the Melter & Refiner. Previous to that time under two or three other persons who agreed to supply the same article, I was in constant receipt of Complaints as to the character of the Coal.

As the character of this coal has much to do with the economical work of the Melter & Refiners department, the difference between these two bids, is too insignificant to be considered. If it were for my own private use I should not hesitate a moment, to accept the bid of William Jordan, a home man

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have tested and found entirely reliable. Mr Ward's bid is however the lowest and I submit the case for your decision.

For wood we had 3 bidders; M. M. Hillegas, Francis L. Watson, and Frank L. Ward. The bid of Hillegas is $12.60, Watson $11.25, and Ward $11.50. Accompanying these bids are comments from Mr Ward and a letter from Mr. Watson, in relation to the present price of wood. Mr Watson has supplied the Mint for over 15 years; always with great satisfaction, and as his bid is the lowest

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and best, I recommend its acceptance.

For Glass Rambo & Speck offer 65 per cent off the list price, Harold R. Lewis, 60 per cent off. As Rambo & Speck are reliable parties, I recommend the acceptance of their bid

By a comparative statement showing the bids of Felton, Raw, Libley and Harold R. Lewis, for Paints, Varnishes &c. it will be seen that the bids of Felton, Raw, & Libley are below those of Lewis in nearly every item In the case of Wall brushes assorted, the bid of Mr Lewis, is for a very inferior article which we could

not use here. I would therefore recommend that the bid of Felton Rau and Sibley, who are reliable in all respects be accepted.

It will be seen from the number of bids in, that there have been but 4 classes of articles bid for out of 13 advertised for

I endose the original bids, which you will be kind enough to return as soon as your decision is reached in relation to them

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Gordon Mendes
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Pinchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

I send by Registered Mail the proof set of Coins of 1882. The dies have just been completed and this is the first set struck therefrom

Please remit amount due and believe me to be

Very truly Yours

A. Loudon Snowden

Hon Thomas A Acton
Asst. Treas U. S
New York
City

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

28th January 1862

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the Coiners report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day - the 28th inst. -

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

28th Jany 2

Sir

What response have you to make to the enclosed letter from Allen Dobson, of Portland, Md.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Linton Stubbs
Superintendent

To Ira Mooney
Night Watchman
U.S. Mint

Jany 30 2

Sir

Your letter of the 28th inst enclosing Transfer Check No 19998 for $1000.00 has been received and a like amount in five cent pieces will be forwarded to the Asst Treasurer U. S. at New York on the 31st inst, as desired.

Very respectfully Your
obt Servt
A. Loudenslager
Superintendent

Hon James Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

28th January 82

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 27th inst. referring to voucher No 2, of the Medal Fund account of this Mint, for the quarter ending December 31. 1881, I beg to say, that the bill is not for services rendered by Charles E. Barber for engraving blocks and so forth, but for money paid by Mr Barber to other persons for the medal branch of our work, and it does not therefore come under Section 1765 of the Revised Statutes, and is not Compensation to an officer for services of any kind.

It is difficult to obtain receipts for very small payments like these, and it

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was therefore thought best, under the circumstances to pay these items and have a voucher made out in the name of one person here.

I have requested Mr Darby to get receipts - which I endose herewith - for the payment of the sums which I endose

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Thomas Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 30th 2

1658 Standy & Cronise 2388 24

London Thunder

30th Jany 2

Sir;

I have the honor to endose state=
ment of Silver purchased at this Mint from
Jany 16th 1883 to Jany 29th 1883

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

30th January 2

Sir;

Remittances Nos. 2 and 3 of Gold Bullion from your office have been duly received, as also the letter of advice and memo. of 28th inst. referring to No 3.

The letter and Statement of No 2 have not yet arrived at this office and I would therefore be much obliged for duplicate copies of the same

Very respectfully

Your obt Servt

Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq

Assayer U. S. Assay Office

Charlotte N. C.

30th January

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 27th inst. inclosing estimates of the appropriation for this Office, for the ensuing year, I beg to suggest that you consider the propriety of striking out all the salaried positions which you had arranged, and which were included in our present year, in the Wages account.

It has been the Custom here, and one that has worked well, to regulate the Salaries of these clerks for long and faithful performance of service and efficiency in the discharge thereof. The plan suggested by you would remove

the opportunity of making that revision
examination and in the case of the
death, resignation, or removal, of any
of the clerks designated, the person ap-
pointed to his place would get the same
salary immediately that the other had
been receiving for years before.

I would therefore respectfully
suggest that you conform the allow-
ance for 1883 to that of 1882 in this
respect, increasing the wages account
to cover the proposed change.

If however you decline to accept
this suggestion, I beg for reasons which
I may need to you that the Chief Engineer

be omitted among the list of salaried offices and that the title of "Assayers Computing Clerk at $1600 - a year" be changed to "General Assistant", as he is required to assist several clerks in their varied duties.

I would also suggest that the designation "Clerk" be changed to "Assistant Cashier".

I trust that the first suggestion I have made will be approved by you. If not I hope the last will be, and the amount of the Engineers salary be embraced in our "Wages Account" for workmen.

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Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Charles Bromley
Superintendent

Hon S. C. Pomeroy
President of the Senate
Washington
D.C.

30th Jany 2

Sir:

In consequence of the number of large bills which have been presented within the last four days, the money recently received for the support of this Mint during the current month, so far as relates to the ordinary account is nearly exhausted

Under these circumstances I would respectfully ask that a special requisition be made for ($6000) Six thousand Dollars, in order to enable me to meet outstanding obligations which are being daily

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Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Bolgate behind five
thousand (5000) ounces
or Silver Contract.
Shall I close the
a/c.

Cy. Loudon Snowden
Supt

Chief Coot Rates

January 31st 2

The Cashier will please deliver to the Melter + Refiner (for melting and Recoin) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund Three thousand (3000.) Dollars in 1c Nickel Copper Coins as per the following authority Viz:

Letter + Telegram of the Director April 24 1873
Do Do Jany. 23d 1874
Do Secretary of the Treas. Oct. 29. 1878
Do Director Dec. 11 1878
Do Do May 29 1879
Do with Enclosure Do Nov 14 1881
Do of Treasurer U.S. approved Nov 22d 1881

Gordon Mumford
Superintendent

Mint of the U.S., Philadelphia,

January 21st 1882.

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 25th inst. giving directions as to the preparation of the "Statements of Earnings & Expenditures" (on printed form No. 207 - to include herewith the first of the series for the 3rd quarter, 1881.) Not knowing precisely whether under the title "Wages of Workmen" you desired me to cover the expenses of the Melting and Refining Expenses" show all the expenses, I have stated on the sheet the explanations of each expense. If this is not as you desire, please return with Corrections noted, & more than I may adopt a

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

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system for future use and guidance.

As the "Parting & Refining Expenses" cover both Wages & Incidentals, it would seem that the Statement should so express it.

In regard to the entry of the "Standard" Silver Dollar Expenses, as there is no provision for them on the Statement, I have written them in, not supposing that you designed them to be covered by the entry for Contingent Expenses. The Statement for the 4th quarter, 1881 will be forwarded soon.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully Your

Obt. Servt.

Lucien Howard

Hon

A. Burnside

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

31st January

Hon W. C. Fisher

Chairman Committee Coinage

House Representatives

Washington D.C.

Dr. Snowden is too ill to

be in Washington tomorrow

John L. Lesconte,

Acting Superintendent

U.S. Mint, Phila.

31st Jany 2

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose the Coiners report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the month ending this day the 31st inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Landon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon R. C. Vanchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 31st 2

1659 Standy & Louise 34.000

London Londres

Jany 31st 1882.

Sir.

I have to advise you that Messrs. Storey & Lewis are delivering their Silver, invoiced to the Mint @ $1.1483 Fine. Your telegram states that the price is $1.1484. I call your attention to the difference between, in order that you may make Correction before final Closing of the A/c.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
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Asst Supt.

Hon. H. H. Barnard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

31st Jany 2

Sir;

I enclose duplicate receipts of Powell & Weightman for $49.00 being the value of two Carboys chemically pure Nitric Acid, with bill of lading for the same, sent to the U.S. Mint at New Orleans, in conformity with your requisition of 9th inst.

I have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

John L. LeConte,

Acting Superintendent.

Hon. H. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Jany 31st 1882

Sir

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Twenty Thousand (20.000) Dollars to reimburse you for that amount of 1¢ Nickel Copper Coins withdrawn from your Redemption Fund for recoinage into Nickel 5¢ Pieces.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully,
John L. LeConte,
Act. Supt.

Hon. Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

31 st. Jany 2

Viz:

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly Count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint with the following results

Gold Coinage account	$12.600.700.18
Silver " "	8.012.093.39
Parting & Refining	840.10
Ordinary Fund:	
Salaries	1.499.66
Wages	9.678.85
Incidentals	403.18
Mint Silver Dollar appropriation	592.67

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Ye a Grand	112.562.62
" Bonds exchanged	11.695.89
" Coupons redemption	116.940.89
Total	$15.370.362.68

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Lloyd M. Bowers
Superintendent

Hon. H. (Sumner)
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
DC

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Mint Coinage $10.563.600.00

" Coins Exchanged 11.691.69

" Coinage redemption 116.948.69

Total $15.573.362.65

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Lloyd W. Rosebraugh

Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Pennock

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

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Sir

I have the honor to report the "Bullion Fund" at the close of business on the 31st inst., 45.042.884.42 subdivided approximately as follows viz

Gold Coin	12.618.388.50
Gold Bullion	28.912.940.51
Silver Coin	2.934.770.39
Silver Bullion	576.783.02
Total as above	45.042.884.42

Very respectfully

Your obt servant

A Loudenslager

Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C Burchard,

Director of the Mint,

Washington D. C.

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Sir

In compliance with your letter of the 26th of Jany, and in return for the $10.00 draft therein, I send by Adams Express, One Silver Life Saving Medal of the Second Class, engraved as desired, and enclose herewith duplicate receipted bills for the Medal and engraving amounting to $8.00.

The balance of the draft, viz $1.22 is enclosed in the package.

Please sign and return the enclosed, Voucher.

Very respectfully,

John L. Leconte,

Superintendent.

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

1st February 2

J. L. L.

Herewith I enclose Mass No. 175 of Ltrs Patten, being remittance No. 3, received from your office as per letter of advice and memorandum of 28th Jany.

Very respectfully,

John L. LeConte,

Superintendent.

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

15 February 2

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the Synopsis of the Cryogenic Log for the month ending 31st January.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
John L. LeConte,
Acting Superintendent.

Hon A. D. Bache
Supt of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

1st February 1862

Sir;

I have the honor to endorse memo. No. 175 of Gold Bullion, being remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant.
John L. Ellicott
Acting Superintendent

Wm. A. C. Dunlap
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

1st February 1862

Sir,

Please make requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for Eight hundred (800) dollars to meet the probable expenses of the Refinery for the current month.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
Chas. E. Lebaron,
Acting Superintendent.

Hon. S. C. Rowland
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

1st February 2

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the following Coins which were reserved from the January deliveries, for special assay:-

4 Standard dollars
4 Eagles
4 Half Eagles

Very respectfully,
your obedient Servant,
John L. LeConte,
Acting Superintendent.

Hon Horatio C Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

1st February 1

Sir;

I have the honor to request that in advance of Ten thousand (10000) dollars be made from the appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver dollars to meet the probable expenses of that Coinage at this Mint for the current month;

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,

John L. Eckfeldt,
Acting Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

1st February

Hon H. Maynard Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

Will appoint Pound in a few
days to a place in Assay De-
partment. Am again confined
to bed by sickness. Will write to
day in relation to assay

A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

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U.S. Mint
Phila

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Feby 18 1882

Sir

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day to be 768.302.811 ozs fine

~~fine~~ ounces, together with ——— gross ounces unassayed.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant

John L. Leconte
Assay Superintendent.

To
Hon. Horatio C. Burchard,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Jersey 1st 2

Sir.

Please furnish me with an official Statement of the Amount of Gold and Silver, each respectively, operated on by you, from August 1st to Nov. 4th 1881, and the proportion of each operated on in the Refinery, during the said period.

Very Respy Yours,

John L. Le Conte

Actg Supt.

Prof. James C. Booth
Melter & Refiner

Bldg 1 2

1860 Thomas Cignoli 3807 1.
1861 J.B. Bryant & Co. 2869 11

John L. Lalonde.
Key

Feby 1 2

1860 Stanley & Cornish 3,807 10
1861 J.B. Colgate & Co. 2867 11

John L. Leconte.
Supt.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Feby 1st 1852

Sir

In answer to the question, in your letter of the 31st inst, as to "how the item $29.29 cash received, gain on Silver during the quarter" was obtained, I beg to state that in payment for Medals and Proofs Gold, Trade and Standard dollars are offered and received and the same are used in paying bills to the Coiner.

As the Coiners bills are paid by weight, any over-weight goes to the credit of the Medal Fund. The $29.29 was obtained in this way, being the excess in bullion value over face value of the coin paid Coiner during the quarter

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington DC

1st February 2

Sir;

As the time for the annual assay approaches, I write to ask if I shall make the usual preparations for the entertainment of the Commission and officers in connection with the assay, in the same manner as last year.

I would also suggest that, as on that occasion, with your concurrence the dinner be limited to those who are actually engaged in the work of the Commission.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Superintendent

Hon. H. Pinchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

1st February 2

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit State-
ment of Mint Coinage operations at this
Mint during the month of January ult.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
John L. Lafonte,
Acting Superintendent.

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

2nd. February

Hon. A. L. Bickard
Director of the Mint
Treasury Department
Washington D.C.

Mr Dreyfus cannot accept.
Please substitute. George W.
Childs

A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent
U.S. Mint.
Phila

2nd. February 2

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the following:

4 books, Silver Melting, Mint
4 " Gold " "
1 Index book Mint

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant.
John L. Leconte.
Assistant Superintendent.

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

2nd. February 2

Sir;

I herewith enclose statement of silver purchased at this Mint from Jany 24th. to Jany 29th. 1862.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

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Acting Superintendent.

Hon. H. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

2nd. Feby

Sir,

Will you kindly request the Secretary of the Treasury to give instructions to the Collector of the Port at Philadelphia to admit free of duties and charges, one Case containing three steel rolls, for the use of this Mint.

It is consigned to James L. Watson & Son Philadelphia, is shipped from Sheffield, Eng. and will arrive on the Steamship "Ohio"

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

John E. Leconte,

Actg Superintendt

Wm. H. C. Dunlap

Supt of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

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Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith statement of earnings and expenditures for the Ind. quarter of the year 1881, amended according to the directions given in your letter of the 1st inst.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant.

John E. Lafontaine.
Acting Superintendent.

Hon H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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3rd. February 2

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Draft No. 16170 on Treasury Warrant No 338 for $1600 00, on account of Contingent Expenses.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
John L. Lakonte,
Acting Superintendent.

Hon. James Guthrie
Secretary of the United States
Washington
D.C.

3rd. February 2

Sir

The number of Standard Silver dollars to be coined this month has been fixed by the Director at seven hundred thousand (700 000)

Very respectfully,

John L. Leconte.

Acting Superintendent.

James C. Booth Esq

Mint.

Also to Rostyhill

Dft. February 2

Sir,

Remittance No 2 of Gold Bullion from your office has been received by Registered Mail as per letter of advice and Memorandum of 19th inst.

Very respectfully,

John [illegible]

Acting Superintendent.

Calvin J. Cowles Esqr.
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

3rd February 21

Sir,

I herewith enclose Statement of Charges imposed upon bullion deposited here during January ult.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
John L. Linn.
Acting Superintendent.

Hon. M. C. Rucker
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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1662 Handy & Lewis 19.6.14. 23

John L. Lebanta.
Clerk

3rd February 82

Sir,

Remittance No 4 of Gold Bullion from your office has been received by Registered mail as per letter of advice and Memorandum of 31st ulto.

Very respectfully,

John L. Leconte,

Acting Superintendent.

Calvin J. Cowles Esqr
U. S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

Box No 14 has been assayed, and you will be informed of the result as soon as the report reaches my office

4th Feb, 2

Sir;

I herewith enclose Coining report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

John [illegible] Eckfeldt,

Acting Superintendent.

Hon. R. C. Rendall

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

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1663 Harvey & Comsi 31.000/

John L. Lebaute
Acy

4th. February 2

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury, the following Certificates of Deposit of the Assistant Treasurer at this City:-

No 5492 for $885.00 on account of Refinery Charges (and)

No 5498 " $49.25 on account of other than Refinery Charges

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
John L. Leconte,
Acting Superintendent.

Hon. H. C. Pinchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Feby 6th 82

Handy & Louise

28th ult 82

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John L. Lebonte
acting

Feby 6th 2

1864 Hardy & Lennie 3.525.80

John L. Labonte
Atty

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Feby 6th 1882.

I have the honor to report the Bullion on the close of business on the 4th inst., at $43.620.888.47 subdivided approximately as follows:

Gold Coin	$ 12.089.889.00
Gold Bullion	28.064.940.01
Silver Coin	2.948.968.50
Silver Bullion	517.090.96
Total as at	$ 43.620.888.47

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

John L. Taylor
Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. F. Folger
Secretary of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

6th February 2

Sir;

Will you have the kindness to hasten as much as possible the filling of the monthly requisition for funds? The demands made upon our resources have been unusually heavy in the payment of large items which will be fully explained in the future. But, unless the money is received without delay, there will be not enough on hand to pay the Assay Commissioners.

I respectfully request that the regular requisition for this month may receive all the favorable consideration which is accorded to a Special requisition,

and remain,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

John L. Leconte,

Acting Superintendent.

Hon. A. C. Bunchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Pa.

February 6th 1862

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt per Pacific Express Company of one package of Gold bullion as per letter of advice enclosing schedule and Express receipt of 31st Janry.

Very respectfully,

John L. Leconte,

Acting Superintendent.

A. Silva Esq
Assayer in charge U.S. Mint
Denver
Colo

Ord. Dept. 2

Sir;

Herewith, I enclose memo. No. 19 of Gold Bullion, being remittance No. 49 received from your office as per letter of advice and memorandum of 31st Inst.

Very respectfully,

John L. Ebbarte.
Actg Superintendent.

Calvin J. Cowles Esqr
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

Coin. February 2

Sir;

I have the honor to endorse memo. 198 of Gold bullion being remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

Very respectfully.
Your obedient servant,
John L. Taylor
Acting Superintendent.

Hon. A. L. Bushnell
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

6th. February 1

Dear Sir;

In reply to your favor of the 28th ulto. in relation to our experience with the Seyes Automatic Adjusting Machines, I beg to say that we have four (4) of these machines in operation at this Mint, two (2) are adjusted to assort Half and Quarter Eagles, and Half and Quarter Dollars and Dimes, and the other two (2) adjusted to Silver Dollars, Double Eagles and Eagles.

We have never experienced any diffinulty in operating the machines and the results are very satisfactory.

The heavier machines (such as I presume you have) can be adjusted to assort coins of all denominations. To do this will not only require different sized tubes and feeders but smaller baskets. With the large baskets which come with the heavy machines, I do not think satisfactory results can be had in assorting coin of the weight and size of the Half Eagle. By using a smaller basket which can be done, the difficulty would be obviated. I presume your trouble is in the size of the baskets.

Trusting that this information

may be of service to you

I remain

Very truly yours

Nan H. L. Dodge
Supt U.S. Mint
San Francisco
Cal

6th February 2

Sir;

In accordance with your request I have had your bar No 14 assayed and have ascertained the fineness to be 660·5 thousandths.

Very respectfully,

John [illegible]

Acting Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

July 7th 1862

1665 J. B. Colgate & Co 5151 1/2

John L. Gibbons
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Feby 7th 82

J. B. Colgate

& Co

19th inst 82

50.092 75
49.963 23
56.733 25

$1.1355

Postal Field
$681 38

John H. Falconer
Agt

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Feby 8th 1882.

Sir

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day to be

765.170.775 dec

Gross

gross

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servt.

Superintendent

Hon. Hamilton Fish

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington, D. C.

Post 387 to other book

8th February 2

Sir,

I received the enclosed slip from P. N. Wall, Wallingford, Conn., and if the statement he makes therein is true, it seems probable that you should detail some person to go to Wallingford to see to the matter

Very respectfully

A. Conden Rowden

Superintendent

James J. Brooks Esq
Secret Service Dep.
Washington
D.C.

Ph. February 2

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed Capt. [illegible] Taylor, a soldier in the late war, as the night watch (on the outside of the building) in the General Department of this Mint at a compensation of $2 Dollars per diem, to date from confirmation, and respectfully submit the same for approval under Section 3504 Revised Statutes

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Asst Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

391 transferred to other book

St. February 2

Sir:

Enclosed herewith, I have the honor, as required by the Regulations, to transmit my report of the opening, January 23. 1852, of proposals received for certain supplies, and the awards I have made to the lowest bidders, subject to your approval, for Council Ridge Post, Gla[illegible], and Paints and Varnish, for the six months ending June 30. 1852, and for Wood, for the year ending December 31. 1852; attested by the operating officers of the Asst.

I have retained a duplicate

here, the original being forwarded
for the files of your office

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Dallas Bache
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

8th February 2

My dear Mr Preston

I have nominated Capt. W. H. Layla as Night Watchman on the outside of the building

I write to explain that one of the Night Watchmen - Carryl - owing to exposure, has contracted pulmonary disease which will shortly carry him off. He is now unfit for service.

The responsibility of guarding the building and its treasure needs is so great that I trust this nomination will be confirmed at once

I am very truly yours

Reuben Rowley

Superintendent

Hon: R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Mint Feby 2nd

Sir,

In conformity with the provisions of section 3507 revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that - at the recommendation of the Assayer herein enclosed -, I have appointed Homer L. Pound an Assistant in the Assayers department of this Mint at a Compensation of $3 per diem to take effect upon Confirmation.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Louis Eyster
Superintendent

Hon E. Martin Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

396 & 397
in other book

February 9th

R. E. Preston

Acting Director Mint

Washington D.C.

Sir: I have the honor to inform you that I have received from the Philadelphia Mint on Board, Steamer Tuscarora one hundred and sixty five thousand (fine ounces) fine ounces. Mailed statements yesterday

Very Respt

A. Loudon Snowden

Supt

Feb 7

R. E. Pearson
White Brown
Washington D.C.
Send here today for consul
Evaton sheets taken
from books and other man Philadelphia
kept by Addie or
Ronald Brichard

Gen. atty - Chas. Phila. Pa.

Personal

9th February 2

My dear Preston

If it is possible for you to get for me the cost of the machinery and implements used, to put the Mint at Carson in working order, you would oblige me very much.

I am asking for the information and have no means of getting it here. You will understand what I mean by the Machinery, tools, furnaces &c., in fact everything necessary to keep a Mint after its construction.

Please let me have this at an early a day as possible or tell me how I

can get it.

Will you also please give me the appropriation for the Mint at Carson for the present year

I am very truly yours
A. Loudon Snowden

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

May 9th, 1882.

Dear Sir.

The following telegram sent you this day, is hereby made official.

"Approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand, Seven hundred and sixty five thousand (765.000) fine ounces. Mailed statement yesterday."

Very Respy. Your
Obt. Servt.
A. Loudenslager
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of Mint
Washington
D.C.

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9th February 1

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the report of Official Postage Stamps for the month of January last.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. Charles J. Folger
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Stiy 10th 1882

1666 Hardy to Louis 28.000 —

London Founder

405 1/2

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

10th. Feby 1862

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed Gustav Richard a resident of this State, to be Night watchman in the Coining Department of this Mint at a compensation of $2.00 per diem, to date from confirmation, and respectfully submit the same for approval under section 3507 revised Statutes - vice William M. Harvey declined

Very respectfully
your obedient servant
A London Norris
Superintendent

Hon Horatio C Bunkard
Director of the Mint
Washington DC

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

10th February 1882

Sir

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of Homer L. Pound, recently appointed an Assistant in the Assayer's department of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

10th February, 1882

Sir;

A large number of remittances of mutilated silver coin are received every day at this Mint, and in order to avoid as far as possible, errors in making returns for the same, I would respectfully request that the name and address of the person making the remittance be written on the envelope

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon: James Gilfillan
Treasurer of the U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

11th February, 1852

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge "additional table of distances" to be used in the shipment of Standard Silver dollars to certain towns

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

A. M. Patterson

Superintendent

Hon. W. C. Bouchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

11th February 1882

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the Coiner's report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day, the 11th inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

11th February 1882.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit State-ment showing Bullion operated upon in the Refinery of this Mint during January 1882, also Statements of gold and Silver melting during the same time.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Roberts Mundia
Superintendent

Hon: N. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

July 11th 1882

1867 Handy & Coyuita 1866. 2d

Mint of the United States, Philadelphia

11th February 1882

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the time at which the dies for the medals for army marksmanship will be completed, I have to say, that it will be at least a month before the first two dies are ready.

It may be a little more than that time before they are done, the work on one of them being difficult.

Very respectfully
your most humble servant

Lorenzo Crowell
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Purcell
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

11th February 1882

Dear Keeper U.S. Mint

You will please take Miss Kate Middleton and any one accompanying her, through the Mint, carefully giving them special opportunities to see the vaults and other portions of the institution, which usually visitors are not allowed to enter

Yours Truly
H. Boudinot Smith
Ch

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

11th February, 1882

My dear Preston,

I am in receipt of your polite favor of the 10th inst. in regard to Carson City Mint, and write now to say, that I should like to have, if it could be obtained, the cost of the machinery and appliances that have been placed in the building since its organization

I am sorry to give you so much trouble but it is very important to me at the present time to have this information,

Very truly yours

A. Loudon Snowden

R. E. Preston Esq
Mint Bureau
Washington DC

Feby 13th 1812

1668 Handy & Promise 2398. 92

London Lowndes

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Feby 13th 1882.

I have to report that the Bullion

deposited at the Mint of Philadelphia on the 11th inst., at

$43.220.656.66 was received approximately

as follows:

	12.864.968.50
	26.994.590.81
	2.994.152.59
	366.944.36
	$43.220.656.66

Very respectfully

Your Obdt servant,

Linda Thomas

Superintendent

Hon. Hiram G. Barkdull

Treasurer of the Mint

Washington D. C.

13th. February 1862

Sir;

I respectfully return the voucher of Frederick Eckfeldt for travelling expenses as Commissioner of Assay, in order that it may be executed in duplicate and properly receipted.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Adam Norrie
Superintendent

Hon A. B. Maynard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

13th February 1863.

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memo No 215 of Gold Bullion, being remittance No 8. received from your office as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 31st ultmo.

Very respectfully

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

H. Culver Esq.

Assayer in Charge U.S. Mint

Denver

Colo

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

13th. February 1882.

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memo. No 197 of Gold Bullion, being remittance No 2, received from your office as per letter of advice and memorandum of 10th inst.

Very respectfully

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

Hon. Octavia J. Cowles,
U. S. Assayer
Charlotte
N. C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

13th February, 1882

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose memo: No. 215 of Gold Bullion being remittance received from the United States Mint at Denver, Colo. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon A. E. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

13th February 1882

Dear Sir

I enclose herewith a proof Standard dollar for Mr. Clark of the Associated Press.

Fearing that some accident may prevent my going to Washington on Wednesday, I think it best to forward it

I am very truly yours

A. Loudon Snowden

Dr.

Hon A. R. Pinchard
Mint Bureau
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

13th February, 1882

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose memorandum No. 197 of Gold Bullion being remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint,

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. S.C. Pinchard

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

14th. February 1882

Sir;

In pursuance of instructions received from the Director of yesterdays date, you will please prepare the following dies for transmittal to the United States Mint at New Orleans, viz.

Standard Silver dollar 15 Obverse (Sm)

" " " 15 Reverse

Very respectfully yours

Superintendent

Chas. E. Barber Esq.
Engraver

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Personal 14th. February 1882

Sir,

In reply to your personal letter of the 13th inst. I beg to say that the only deposit of bullion or plate, received at this Mint within the last two weeks from either Baltimore or Washington, a ninety one deposit which came to hand yesterday in the name of

A. Heath, 123 N. Howard St, Baltimore

This deposit consists of Candlesticks, one old fashioned tea-pot, a more modern coffee-pot, a couple of silver cups, an old antiquated cigar holder, some coins, spoons and, medals of old dates

I shall hold this until I consult you tomorrow. Any information or assistance

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

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I am able to furnish you will be
most cheerfully rendered
I am very truly yours
Lorenzo Coffin

Hon James Gilfillan
Comptroller United States
Washington
D.C.

Feby 14th 2

1669 Handy & Comide 60.000 l

London Founder

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

14th February 1842

Sir,

Remittance No 3 of Gold Bullion from your office has been received by Registered mail as per letter & advice and memorandum of 11th inst.

Very respectfully,

John L. LeConte

Acting Superintendent

Calvin Cowles Esq

U.S. Assayer

Charlotte

N.C.

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15th February

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit statements of Silver purchased at this Mint, from Jany 30th to Feby 4th (inclusive) and from Feby 6th to Feby 11th, 1881.

I am respectfully,

John [illegible],

Acting Superintendent.

Hon. W. C. Bouchard

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington

15th February 2

Sir

I enclose my personal cheque for $20 00 being the amount of your bill of expenses as Assay Commissioner at the Annual Assay of 1883.

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Assay Superintendent.

The Director
Bureau of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

15th February 2

Sir;

I enclose Express receipt for a bag containing Coin as follows:-

Gold	$ 702 92
Silver	71 —

being the value of assay slips sent by the Assayer of your office in accordance with your letter of advice of 6th inst. The memoranda are also herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John E. Sherman,
Acting Superintendent.

Hon H. C. Purcell
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Feb. 15 2

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner for melting and recoinage, from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund, Three Thousand (3000) Dollars in one cent Nickel Copper coin, as per the following authority, Viz;

Letter & Telegram of the Director April 24th 1878

Do Do Jany 23d 1874

Do Secretary of the Treasury Oct. 29. 1874

Do ~~Director~~ Dec. 11. 1875

Do Do May 29th 1878

Do with enclosure Do Nov. 14. 1881

Do of Approval Treasurer U.S. " 22d 1881

John L. Leconte.

Superintendent

15th February 2

Sir;

Will you have the kindness to procure from the Public Printer, a blank book of 6 quires, ruled, headed, and bound as indicated on the enclosed samples; for the use of the Assayer of this Mint.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
John L. Leconte,
Acting Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Linchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Feby 15 1862

Sir

Your letter of the 14th inst. enclosing Transfer Check No 20056 for $1000.00, has been received and the same amount in 5 francs will be forwarded to the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New York on the 16th inst.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,

John L. Ellmaker,
Acting Superintendent.

Hon James Guthrie
Secretary U.S.
Washington
D.C.

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

July 15th 1882

Sir

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day to be 574,352,303 dollars

Fine ounces, together with _____ gross ounces unassayed

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant,

John [illegible]
Acting Superintendent

Hon. Hamilton G. Beauchamp,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Feby. 15th 72

1670 Handy v Lewis 7234 78

John L. Lebonte,
Atty

16th. Feby 2

Sir;

Remittance No 6, of Gold bullion from your office, has been received by Registered Mail as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 14th. inst.

Very respectfully,

John L. Eckonte,

Acting Superintendent.

Calvin J. Rowles Esq.
U. S. Assayer
Charlotte
N. C.

July 16th 1862

1671 Handy & Lownds $5,000/

John L. LeConte.
Asst

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

17th February 1882

My dear Mr Secretary

In compliance with my promise, I enclose you herewith a copy of the editorial from the Journal of Commerce of the 6th inst.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Linderman
Dir

Hon Charles J. Folger
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

17th February 2

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of draft No. 20062, on the Assistant Treasurer of this City, for $251.00, being the value of Coins received from the deliveries of this Mint from July to December 1881 inclusive

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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Feb. 17th 2

The Cashier

will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting and Recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund, Three Thousand (3000.) Dollars in 1¢ Nickel Composite Coins as per the following authority. Viz:

Letter & Telegram of the	Director	April 20th 1873
Do	Do	Jany. 29th 1874
Do Secretary of the Treas.		Oct. 29 1874
Do	Director	Dec. 11th 1875
Do	Do	May 29th 1878
Do with Enclosures	Do	March 1881
Do Treas. U.S. (Approval)		March 22nd 1881

John L. LeConte,
Ass. Treasurer

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia

17th February 1882

Sir:

In the proposals of last July, the bid of Harold L. Lewis & Co was accepted for Tallow. The Coiner at the time suggested to specify that he wanted the "best refined cylinder tallow". The bid was for Commercial Tallow, which contains acids and is injurious to our machinery. Besides, it gets rancid and disagreeable and seriously the users in using it when applied to heated metals.

The Coiner claims that one pound of Cylinder Tallow will go as far as three of the other besides giving much more satisfactory results.

The price of Lewis is acceptable

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

in all respects and there can be no doubt as to the character of the Tallow they bid for.

I ask permission to change the character of the tallow from the ordinary kind and ideal of cylinder, paying the difference in the cost.

This is recommended alike by the Comfort of the men and the interest and economy of the service.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Mason Bowman
Superintendent

Hon. N. C. Leonard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Feby. 17th 2

1672 Handy & Louise 5805½

Gideon Burton

Febry 17th 82

Handy & Lonside

9th inst 82

150.152.43

149.991.05

111.72

170.054.73

Lemon Fowler

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

17th February 1882.

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memorandum No. 271 of Gold Bullion, being remittance No. 5. received from your Office, as per letter of advice and memorandum of 11th inst.

Very respectfully

Your obt Servt

Gordon Norris

Superintendent

Salem J. Lowler Esq

U.S. Assayer

Charlotte

N.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

17th February 1882

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo. No 371, of Gold Bullion being remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. N.C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

17th February 1882.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt for Pacific Express Company of one package of Gold Bullion, as per letter of advice, enclosing schedule and Express receipt of 8th inst.

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Superintendent

Russell B Harrison Esq

U.S. Assayer

Helena

Montana

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia

17th February 1882

Sir;

I have the honor to advise you that the following named Assay Coins for the year 1881 are now on my possession ready for transfer to the Bullion Fund

San Francisco	Gold	$ 29.085	Silver	$ 6380
New Orleans	"	9	"	2872
Carson City	"	345	"	172

I have to request that you will have transfer orders issued for the above amounts.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Linderman
Superintendent

Hon H.F. Buckhout
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

February 18th, 1862

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose the Coiners report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day — the 18th inst. —

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. London Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. A. L. Dimmick
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Delay 1882

1673 Handy & Lounsbery for $28.37 93

Gordon Saunders
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Voucher for Examination of Statement of Account.

Dep. Mint
Phila. Feby 18th 82

I have carefully examined the foregoing statement of my disbursing account dated January 31st, 82, and find the balance therein reported correct.

I have also examined the number, date and amount of the debit vouchers presented, and find same correct with my records.

Alfred London Snowden
Supt.

18th February 12

Sir;

I have appointed William Barnes a resident of this State, a night watchman in the Secret Department of this Mint at a Compensation of $2 per diem, to date from Confirmation, and respectfully submit the same for approval, — vice Cap. Lot W. Taylor declined — under Section 3504 Revised Statutes

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H C Bunchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

18th February 2

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose bills in duplicate of Pope, Cole, & Co of Baltimore for 20000 lbs of Copper amounting to $3975 00, and respectfully ask that the same may be paid from the appropriation for the manufacture of the Standard Silver Dollar

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Gordon Winder
Superintendent

Hon A. C. Buchanan
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 20th 1882

Sir: I have to report the "Bullion
on hand at the close of business on the 18th inst., at
42,739,281.57 — — —

20th February 2

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose the oath of office of Gustav Reichard, recently appointed night Watchman in the General Department of this Mint.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

18th February 2

Sir;

Having directed the necessary alterations to be made in the memorandums and warrants, based upon the deposits of assay slips from your office, I enclose three (3) dollars being the charges deducted therefrom.

The corrected memorandums are also enclosed

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Robert Preston
Superintendent

Hon A. C. Bouchard
Director of the Mint
Washington DC.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Feby 20th 1892

Sir:

I have the honor to forward you by to-days mail, my Ck. of $61 Silver Dollars, Ordinary and Refinery expenses for the month of January 1892.

I am

Very Respectfully

A. Loudon Snowden

Supt.

Hon. J. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

20th February 62

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memorandum No. 279 of Gold Bullion being for remittance No 8, received from your office, as per letter of advice and memorandum of 14th inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Colonel L. Coale Dy
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

20th. February 2

Sir

I have the honor to enclose duplicate memorandum No. 279 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay office, Charlotte N.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Roman Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Feby 20th, 1882.

Sir

Your letter of the 18th inst, enclosing Draft No 16422 for $147.50 in settlement of bills for 25 Silver "Garfield Indian Peace Medals" forwarded from this Office on the 12th of January last, has been received.

Very respectfully

Your obt Servt

Superintendent

Hon James Gilfillan

Treasurer U. S.

Washington

D. C

Feby 21 2

1674 Standy & Comise 67.000

Edward Lundy

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jany 21st 1882

Sir.

I beg to hand you herewith my Statements of "Earning & Expenditures" & "Melter & Refiner's Copper alloy a/c" for the 4th quarter, 1881.

These Statements have been withheld until this time, in order that the Wastage of the Melter & Refiner, in his operations upon the base metals delivered to him might be definitely ascertained, said Wastage being made up to the close of December, 1881, and which is found to be 24,927.99 Ozs. Valued at $75.

Very Respectfully
A. Loudon Snowden
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

21st February 2

Sir;

In compliance with the request of the director, you will please coin 25000 Standard Silver dollars in addition to the number heretofore allotted for the current month

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

D. C. Rosbyshell Esq
Coiner

21th February 2

Sir;

The Director of the Mint has directed that 25.000 Standard silver dollars be Coined in addition to the amount heretofore allotted for the current month,

Very respectfully

Your obedt Servt

Superintendent

Prof. A. E. Booth

Melter & Refiner

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Feby 21st 1882

Sir

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day to be 489,730.212 fine ounces, together with 65,500 — gross ounces unassayed

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Horatio Burchard
Superintendent

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

21st. February 2

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit statements of Bullion deposited here during January and of Domestic Bullion deposited, during the same time;

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Horace Burnell
Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burlock
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feb. 23d 2

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting and Recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund, Three thousand (2000.) Dollars in 1 cent Nickel Copper Coins, as per the following authority Viz: Letter & Telegram of the Director April 24th 1876

Do Do Jany. 23d 1874

Do Secretary of the Treasury Oct. 29 1874

Do Director Dec. 11 1875

Do Do May 29 1878

Do. of Director with enclosure Nov. 14 1881

Do of Approval Treas U.S. Nov 22d 1881

John L. LeConte,
Superintendent

21st February 2

My dear Mr Elliott,

If you have a copy of Dr. William Farr's report to the Statistical Congress held in 1869, in relation to the abolition of coin, you would oblige me very much by sending it on for my inspection.

I will return it as soon as I peruse its contents.

I am very truly yours

A. R. Wallace

E. B. Elliott Esq
Statistician
& Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

23rd. February 62

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memorandum No. 285. of Gold Bullion being for remittance No. 40, received from your office, as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 8th inst.

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Superintendent

Russell B. Harrison. Esq.
Assayer in Charge U.S. Mint
Denver
Colo.

23rd. February 1872

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memorandum No. 186, of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon: Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States Philadelphia

Feby 24th 1882

Sir

In compliance with your request I send by Adams Express, C.O.D. 12 large Silver Garfield & Lincoln Medals @ 48¢ $ 5.76

These Medals are a little heavier than the last.

Very respectfully Yours,

John [illegible] LeConte,
Acting Superintendent.

Hon Thos C. Acton
Asst Treasurer U.S.
New York

Feby 24th 1882

1675 Handy & Lewis $162.12

February 24 '2

My dear Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 19th. inst. requesting "my views", and any suggestions I may choose to make" on the two letters enclosed from Lieut. W. L. Sutton, U.S. Artillery U.S.A. in which he presents some observations in relation to the great seal of the United States and suggests that the Government issue a Coin or medal commemorative of the approaching Centennial anniversary of its adoption, and further suggests that upon this coin or medal, the devices should be the obverse of the seal and what was intended as the reverse of the same.

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Before expressing an opinion on the suggestion of Lieut. Totten, I beg the privilege in this connection of trespassing upon your valuable time by presenting some facts in relation to the circumstances which led to the adoption of the present Seal of the United States as well as to direct attention to the use that has been already made of the obverse of the Seal in our Coinage and medal series not named by Lieut. Totten, and which I trust you may find not altogether uninteresting.

On the afternoon of the day on which the Declaration of Independence was made, a resolution was passed authorizing the

appointment of a Committee composed of Franklin, Adams, and Jefferson, to present a device for a Great Seal. Many devices were suggested and rough drawings made for the Committee by Du Simitiere, a French Artist of some reputation. The difficulty of agreeing upon a suitable device was very great and it must be confessed that the members of the Committee, as might be expected were not very well up on the subject, nor did the new nation have many artists to assist them. Time passed, and at length Dr Franklin went to France and the Committee failed to report, although several devices are preserved

throwing their efforts to carry out the will of Congress.

In the mean time the British entered this City, and nothing further was done until the return of Congress from York when a Second Committee consisting of Lowell, Scott, and Stoneson was appointed to consider and report upon the subject. Their first report was re-committed, and was subsequently but with little changes again reported, but failed to receive the approval of Congress

In April 1782 another Committee consisting of Henry Middleton, Elias 1782

Boudinot (subsequently Director of this Mint) and Edward Rutledge, was appointed, which on the 9th. of May following made a report substantially in favor of the same devices as was proposed by the previous Committee. His report shared the fate of the preceding one.

Ultimately Congress on the 13th. June 1792 referred the whole matter, including the reports of the several Committees to its Secretary Charles Thomson who had evidently been giving considerable attention to the subject.

He procured of Mr. William Barton several designs among which was

the unfinished pyramid with the all seeing
eye - which was ultimately adopted upon
the reverse of the seal. The designs presented
by Barton were rejected and ultimately
after long discussion among those called
into consultation, the present device of
our great seal was selected by Secretary
Thompson, although he doubted the propriety of accepting it, as it was designed
by an Englishman, Sir John Dalrymple
and forwarded by John Adams to Secretary
Thomson. The conclusions arrived at by
Secretary Thompson were presented to Congress
and adopted on the 20th of the same
month. It will thus be seen that our

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great seal, as originally designed was the joint production of a titled Englishman, with whose country we were at war, and of an American or Rebel, at that time, in arms against the British Crown.

There was evidently a great want of information, on the subject of seals at the time this seal was adopted or no reverse would have been designed or accepted, as its use was practically out of the question. In earlier times, when the great seals of nations, were appended to documents they were attached by a ribbon, or piece of parchment, and both sides of the wax or soft metal used were impressed

of the obverse and reverse of the seal, but at the time of the adoption of our seal the mode of attaching seals was as at present - by a large wafer covered by paper, cut with points at the edge, and the impress of the seal made upon this.

The reason why the reverse of the seal was never cut, was doubtless from the fact that some practical mind suggested the impossibility & impracticability of its use. Lieut. Totten is mistaken in his intimation that a Common medal was ever struck by authority of the Government, having the design of the intended reverse of the great seal. I have before

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me a Continental Fifty-dollar
Note issued by authority of Con-
gress under date of Sep. 26. 1778
which has within a circle the "un-
finished pyramid", but has not
the "all-seeing eye", nor has it
the same inscription as is upon
the reverse of the seal. The
pyramid is surrounded by
clouds and over it is the word
"Perennis". This is likely the design
of William Barton who afterwards
changed the inscription and design
to that adopted by Congress in 1782.

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

There was a cent coined by private enterprize in Lancaster, England in 1794, called the Kentucky Cent from the fact that in the pyramid of stars the letter K for Kentucky was at the top of the same. This is the only device on any Coin that has any resemblance to the device on the intended reverse of the seal.

The device on the obverse of the seal as adopted and used ever since, was employed in the earliest gold coinage used by the

government. The half Eagle of 1795, the
first year of gold coinage, and as
late as 1807 had this American Eagle
displayed, as upon the seal, so also
the Eagles of 1797 up to 1807, when it
was displaced by the small Eagle with
extended wings, with the escutcheon
on its breast. This device remained
on the Eagle and Half Eagle until
1797, and upon the Quarter Eagle from
1796, to 1807 when the small Eagle was
substituted. In 1849 it was again
brought into use and placed upon our
double Eagle.

The same device was adopted by

the Secretary of State for the obverse of the Diplomatic Medal, the dies for which were prepared by the great French Engraver Dupré, at the suggestion of Mr. Jefferson, who also whilst Confessing "little confidence in our own ideas, in an art not familiar here" indicated a desire for the Reverse of the Medal which was substantially adopted by Dupré.

The history of the Diplomatic Medal Dies and Medals struck therefrom is interesting. The first two dies prepared by Dupré broke in hardening a testing. From the third dies two medals in gold

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were struck and presented with chains attached to the Marquis de la Luzerne formerly French Minister to the United States, and to his successor Count de Moustier in 1792, two years after they were ordered. Six medals in bronze with the dies were delivered by Dupré to William Short Esq. Charge d'affaires of the United States at Paris.

The subsequent history of these dies and medals is shrouded in doubt. At least I can obtain no definite information thereupon. It is said they were ordered to be sent to this Country from France, and were lost in transit. Through the

indefatigable labors of J. J. Loubat LL. D., extending over several years, we were enabled to secure a casting from the lead proofs which he procured from Dupre's son, and from this had new dies prepared at the Mint which are perfect fac similies of the original dies.

I have great pleasure in enclosing to you a bronze impression taken from these dies.

Trusting that it might be interesting to you, I have thus far as was possible presented you with all the facts in my possession in relation to the efforts put forth to procure a great seal for the United

dates with the names of those persons identified therewith, and with the reasons which obviated the necessity & prevented the preparation & use of the Reverse die, also with the uses that have since been made in our coinage and medal series of the displayed Eagle on the obverse of the seal, and I shall now as requested present my views upon the suggestion of Lieut. Totten to strike a coin or medal "commemorative of the Centennial Anniversary of the adoption of the Great Seal."

I trust you will concur with me in the manifest impropriety and hopelessness of seeking authority from Congress

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– under which alone it could be done – to
strike a coin for the purpose named. It
is a part of the unwritten law of this
Country, inculcated by the early Fathers
and which has never been departed from,
that our Coinage shall not be used to
mark historical events, Political Changes
or to honor individuals, no matter how illus-
trious or honorable their services may
have been, but that its devices shall be
"emblematical of Liberty" and truly re-
present the Sovereignty of the Republic.

This admirable rule in relation to
the devices on our Coinage, and the pur-
poses to be served by its issue, has thus

for controlled legislation upon this subject, and I trust that no departure will be permitted, even for a much more important if not more worthy object than the one under consideration.

I can however see no impropriety in having this proposed from which medal shall be struck commemorative of this interesting event. On the contrary, there are many reasons in favor of such action.

It is customary with our own and other Countries to commemorate important events as well as to honor individuals for distinguished services rendered, by

striking medals bearing appropriate inscriptions and devices.

Under the provisions of Sec. 3551 Revised Statutes, authority is granted to execute such dies at this Mint, and in conformity therewith several dies of a similar character have been prepared and now form a part of our National Medal Series.

As properly belonging to this series a medal could be struck, bearing a fac simile in device and size of the great seal with the dates June 20th 1782 - 1882 to indicate when and for what purpose it was issued.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Such a medal would possess historical interest as well as commemorate an important act in the history of our country.

On this medal would be united for the first time the obverse and reverse of the seal, and for the first time since authority was granted to prepare it, one hundred years ago, the reverse of the seal would be engraved and issued by authority of the government. I am therefore heartily in favor of having the medals struck, and if it is your desire will have the dies prepared under my personal supervision, without any expense to the Government, as the

work can be performed by the Engravers at such times as will not interfere with their other duties, I can have the dies completed and medals struck by the 20th of June next, and these medals will be sold at a fixed price - regulated by size - as are the other national medals struck at the Mint

I herewith return the letter of Lieut. Totten and shall await such further action as you may choose to take in the matter

And beg to remain

Very respectfully your obedient Servant

Lorenzo Thomas

P.S. over —

Hon C J Folger
Sec'y of the Treas

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

1835.

N.B.

There is one important fact which I have developed in examining into this subject, which I omitted to mention in this proper place; namely that the present seal of the United States is not exactly the seal as suggested by Sec. Jno. Fitzpatrick, through Mr. Adams, and which was adopted by Congress. The change is quite marked and in my judgment injudicious. In the present seal you will notice 13 stars bunched together within a depressed circle above the head of the Eagle, and in the original design

as adopted by Congress, the Great Seal had the 13 stars under a cloud through which the suns rays were just breaking, and the thought evidently intended to be conveyed was, that in the future other stars would be discovered in the National firmament. This was quite suggestive and appropriate and prophetic, and much better than the modified device as at present used upon the seal.

The reverse of the seal has also been to some extent changed. In the original seal the pyramid was composed of 13 blocks without any breaks in any. In the device as handed down to

us, and in that dent by Lieut. Totten you will notice that each layer in the pyramid is broken in to subdivisions, as if each were composed of separate parts, cemented or joined together. This was certainly not the original intention and if I prepare a commemorative medal here I shall conform strictly to the original design of Barton, for the reverse, and the original design as presented to Congress for the obverse: unless otherwise directed.

I may add in conclusion that I am indebted to R. J. Loxley for some data used in the early portion of this Communication.

24th February 2

Sir,

I enclose the Corrected memoranda of the value of the Assay slips received from your office, To replace those of the bars resulting from the Annual assay trial, which by your note sent in my letter of the 20th inst.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. A. J. Bruckard
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

24th February 2

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memorandum No. 293. of Gold Bullion being remittance No. 7, received from your office, as per letter of advice and memorandum of 18th inst.

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Superintendent

Colo. J. Houston, Esq.
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

24th. February 2

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memorandum No. 293 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay office, at Charlotte N.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
[signature]

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

25th February 18[illegible]

Sir,

You will be kind enough to suspend James Ironbower and F. W Barnewald for absence without leave, and when leave has been declined

Very respectfully
London Turnbull
Superintendent

O. C. Boothdell Esq.
Boiler

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

July 25 1882

Sir

Your letter of the 24th inst enclosing check for $50.40 in payment of bill for Case of U.S. Proof Coins forwarded from this Office on the 16th inst, has been received.

Very respectfully,

John L. Leconte,

Acting Superintendent.

Hon Edward McPherson

Clerk House of Representatives

Washington

D.C

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia

28th February 2

Sir

I have the honor to transmit the Coiners report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Reuben Haines
Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

28th February 2

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 21st. inst. I would say that I hope to be able to forward the bullion accounts of the quarter ended Dec. 31st 1881, within a few days. The vouchers are being critically examined as rapidly as the pressure of other work will permit

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. A. E. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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